

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM: Brenda McKenzie, President and CEO *BMC*

DATE: February 12, 2013

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 13-0183
City Streets – Closing – Maine Avenue and a 10-Foot Alley

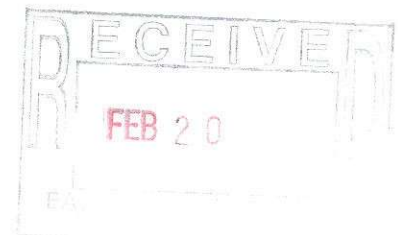
The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 13-0183, an ordinance for the purpose of condemning and closing Maine Avenue from Hillsdale Road to Gwynn Oak Avenue and a 10-foot Alley at the rear of the properties known as 4600 through 4612 Maine Avenue.

The closing of this alley and street is necessary to facilitate the development of the Howard Park Grocery Project. Situated in the Howard Park community of northwest Baltimore, this project consists of a 69,000 sq. ft. Shop Rite Supermarket and ancillary parking. In 2000 the Super Pride Market that serviced this community closed, leaving its residents with few options for their grocery needs. The construction of this supermarket will fill a void in what is now a “food desert”.

BDC has reviewed the ordinance and supports the proposed ordinance and is respectfully requesting that Bill No. 13-0183 be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc: Kaliopé Parthemos
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