


MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO 

DATE: August 31, 2016

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 16-0723
Minority and Women's Business Enterprises – Small Local Business Enterprise
Procurement Preferences

The City of Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) supports Bill No. CC 16-0723 – Minority and Women's Business Enterprises – Small Local Business Enterprises Procurement Preferences. The local business preferences provide opportunities for businesses located in Baltimore City.

It is our understanding that this Bill does not disturb the existing minority enterprise business laws for Baltimore city and have survived several test cases in cities like Oakland and Pennsylvania. This support for local businesses will create jobs and increase business for local and small businesses in Baltimore City.

The BDC respectfully request that Bill No. 16-0723 is given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc: Colin Talbert
Angela Gibson

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