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TO The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
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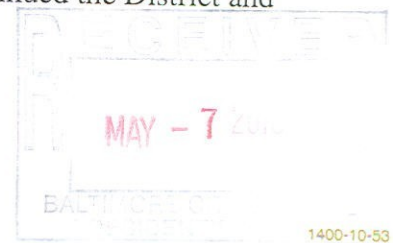
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 10-0477, a Mayor and City Council Resolution introduced by Council Members Clarke, Stokes and Conaway on behalf of the Charles Village Benefits District and Management Authority.

The purpose of the Bill is to renew and continue the Charles Village Community Benefits District and Management Authority; provide for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Charles Village Benefits District and Management Authority.

Ordinance 94-414 authorized the creation of the Charles Village Community Benefits District (the "District") and the Management Authority (the "Authority") for an approximately 100-block area bounded by 20th Street, 33rd Street, Greenmount Avenue and North Howard Street. The District and Authority were established to promote and market the area, provide supplemental security and maintenance services, public amenities, and generally improve the desirability and livability of the area. To provide these services, the District was designated a special taxing district. Certain property owners within the District are taxed in excess of City property taxes at a rate set by the Board of Estimates, and these funds provide the operating capital for the District programs. A Board of Directors governs the Authority and is composed of one voting member appointed by the Mayor, one member appointed by the President of the City Council (from the Council), at least 14 voting members from certain constituent organizations within the District, six non-voting members from certain constituent groups, and four at-large voting members.

Under conditions set forth in the enabling ordinance, the City Council was required to hold a public hearing no sooner than three years but no later than four years, to evaluate the activities and undertakings of the Authority and the District, and to determine whether the District should continue for an additional four years. Resolution 98-11 provided for the continuation, effective July 1, 1998. Furthermore, the Resolution provided a review procedure for subsequent determinations for the District and Authority to continue for additional four-year intervals. As an interim measure, Resolution 02-28 renewed and continued the District for one year, ending June 30, 2003. Resolution 02-349 modified the list of entities that sit on the Board of Directors. Resolution 03-547 renewed and continued the District and Authority to June 30, 2006, followed by Resolution 06-12 which renewed and continued the District and Authority to June 30, 2010.

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The Department of Public Works supports the continuation of the Charles Village Community Benefits District and the Management Authority for an additional four years and therefore recommends passage of City Council Bill 10-0477.



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