

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: M. J. Brodie, President *mjbrodie/hc*

DATE: April 28, 2011

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 11-0683
Urban Renewal – Market Center – Amendment 16

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 11-0683, an ordinance for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Market Center to reauthorize the Plan's powers of acquisition and condemnation so that these actions may legally continue, in compliance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, to correct and clarify certain language, to add a new appendix to the Plan and to revise an Exhibit Sheet to reflect a change in the Plan.

BDC has reviewed the ordinance and strongly supports the proposed ordinance and is respectfully requesting that Bill No. 11-0683 be given favorable consideration by the City Council. The proposed ordinance will provide reauthorization through and including December 31, 2014 to allow BDC on behalf of City of Baltimore adequate time to acquire 201 W. Franklin Street, currently a surface parking lot located in the Westside Initiative redevelopment area. Once acquired, BDC will offer the property for redevelopment singularly or combined with other city owned property within Disposition Lot #15.

cc: Deputy Mayor Kaliope Parthemos
Angela Gibson

