

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. 13-0184  
Acquisition of Property – 4629 Liberty Heights Avenue

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The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 13-0184, an ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire, by purchase or condemnation, the fee simple or other interests in certain property known as 4629 Liberty Heights Avenue, and need for the extinguishment of a restrictive covenant.

When Rite Aid sold the property in 2000, they reserved in the deed a covenant that prohibits any owner from using the property for the sale of pharmaceuticals or health or beauty aids. Because this restriction seeks to encumber not only the property known as 4629 Liberty Heights Avenue but also any property connected to it, it prohibits the sale of the aforementioned products in the supermarket that is being developed for this site.

Acquiring this restriction, would allow for the city to extinguish it and thus clear the way for the construction of a full-service supermarket in the Howard Park Community. BDC has reviewed the ordinance and supports the proposed ordinance and is respectfully requesting that Bill No. 13-0184 be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc: Kaliope Parthemos  
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