



BALTIMORE CITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner *MBW*

Date: March 13, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0141R, Creation of Pennsylvania Avenue Black Arts and Entertainment District**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0141R, for the purpose of designating the Pennsylvania Avenue Corridor and surrounding communities within defined boundaries as the Pennsylvania Avenue Black Arts and Entertainment District.

The proposed boundary includes the area bounded by: on the north, Fulton Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue; on the south Dolphin Street and Pennsylvania Avenue; on the east, Woodbrook Avenue, Druid Hill Avenue, Division Street, and Etting Street; and on the west, Bruce Street, Calhoun Street, Carey Street, Fremont Avenue, and Argyle Avenue.

As highlighted in its recently released Community Development Framework, DHCD has defined the portions of Upton, Druid Heights and Penn North along the spine of Pennsylvania Avenue as an Impact Investment Area. DHCD recognizes the unique architectural and historical significance of the Pennsylvania Avenue Corridor, and is committed to working with community partners to leverage private and other resources in order to transform it into a stable and thriving area.

DHCD supports the passage of City Council Bill 19-0141R.

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cc: Mr. Jeffrey Amoros, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*