

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Brenda McKenzie, President and CEO *Bmc*

DATE: June 27, 2014

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 14-0385
Urban Renewal – Johnston Square- Amendment__

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 14-0385, an ordinance for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan (URP) for the Johnston Square community.

BDC understands that City Council Bill No. 14-0385 is necessary to reauthorize the acquisition authority within the Plan as well as remove certain properties from the acquisition list and to extend the life of the Plan. The Johnston Square URP should be amended to reflect the changes in the community's priorities. For the URP to remain relevant to the community which it protects, the URP needs to be updated.

BDC has reviewed the ordinance and supports the proposed ordinance and is respectfully requesting that Bill No. 14-0385 be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc: Colin Tarbert
Angela Gibson

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