




## MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council  
Attention: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO 

DATE: January 4, 2018

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 17-0172  
Howard Street Commercial Historic District

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The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 17-0172 for the purpose of designating the area located within certain boundaries as the Howard Street Commercial Historic District.

This designation, as outlined on City Council Bill No. 17-0172, will create an historic district in a neighborhood on the west side of downtown Baltimore that has a high concentration of historic city-owned properties. Since 2001, city-owned properties in this area have been subject to a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT), to preserve the properties and promote their redevelopment. The designation of the Howard Street Commercial Historic District will improve and expand the historic protections for properties in this area; provide for review and enforcement of redevelopment and new construction through the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP).

The creation of this district is the culmination of the combined efforts of CHAP, BDC, and MHT, to promote the ongoing redevelopment of the west side of Downtown.

BDC supports Bill No. 17-0172 and respectfully request that favorable consideration is given by the City Council.

cc: Kyron Banks