

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Honorable President and Members of the City Council

Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM:

M. J. Brodie, President Joseph

DATE:

June 11, 2008

SUBJECT:

City Council Bill No. 08-0135

Planned Unit Development - Amendment 4 - York Road and Belvedere Avenue

(Belvedere Square)

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 08-0135 for the purpose of approving certain amendments to the Planned Unit Development (PUD) of the York Road and Belvedere Avenue (Belvedere Square).

BDC supports this amendment to the Belvedere Square PUD because the special events that take place at the Square elevates the profile of the Govanstowne Business District as a place to live, shop, dine, and be entertained. In addition, many area business owners support using Belvedere Square for special events.

BDC recognizes that several business owners have expressed concerns that the Friday night summer concerts negatively impact patron parking. BDC is an active participant in a workgroup which Councilman Henry organized to develop and implement a comprehensive parking, pedestrian safety, and traffic movement strategy, and think that this is the best way to address multiple issues without interfering with the special events which have become a hallmark of Belvedere Square. Therefore, BDC requests that this bill is given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc:

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