



MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 20, 2019
TO: Housing and Urban Affairs Committee
FROM: Kimberly A. Clark, Interim President & CEO *K Clark*
POSITION: Support
SUBJECT: Council Bill 19-0383 – City Streets Closing – Bauernschmidt Alley and 2 10-foot Alleys bounded by North Gay Street, East Oliver Street, North Washington Street, and Federal Street

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to review and respond to City Council Bill 19-0383 introduced by the Council President.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this bill is to condemn and close Bauernschmidt Alley and 2 10-foot alleys bounded by North Gay Street, East Oliver Street, North Washington Street, and Federal Street, as shown on Plat 309-A-29A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

BRIEF HISTORY

The Southern Baptist Church wishes to develop the site located at 1502 N. Chester as multi-family housing; the alleys bisect the site and closing them is a necessary land entitlement for the development of the parcel. The parcel is a key development in the East Baltimore Revitalization Plan that was approved by the Planning Commission in September 2018. This project will help to activate Gay Street and support the larger revitalization effort.

FISCAL IMPACT

NONE

AGENCY POSITION

BDC is in support of City Council Bill #19-0383.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kimberly Clark at 410-837-9305 or at bdckimc@gmail.com.

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