

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO *W.H. Cole*

DATE: May 9, 2016

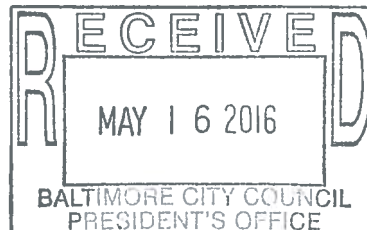
SUBJECT: City Council Bill 16-0658
Baltimore City Landmark List: Exteriors – Ambassador Theatre

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on Council Bill 16-0658, Baltimore City Landmark List: Exteriors-Ambassador Theatre. This Bill calls for the Ambassador Theatre at 4604 Liberty Heights Avenue to be designated a historical landmark.

Preservation of buildings that possess historic and architectural value can serve as a catalyst for new development and capital investment. However, the redevelopment potential of the Ambassador Theatre is unknown and this ordinance risks protecting a structure that may have deteriorated past the point of rehabilitation, stifling future redevelopment, and preserving blight on the Liberty Heights Corridor.

We understand this bill has been introduced with community support. While submitting no objection, we respectfully request the City Council carefully balance these concerns alongside the desires of the community.

cc: Colin Tarbert
Angela Gibson



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