

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 06-0131R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Young, D’Adamo, Branch, Kraft

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Assigned to: Committee of the Whole

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Department, Department of Housing and Community Development

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Let’s Make Sure That No One**  
3 **Gets Lost “On the Way to Baltimore’s New Eastside”**

4 FOR the purpose of requesting the Board of Directors and the Chair of the Inclusion Committee  
5 of East Baltimore Development, Inc., (EBDI), the Senior Vice President for Development  
6 and Planning of the Forest City Commercial Group, and members of the Baltimore Biotech  
7 Ventures Consortium to address the City Council on the status of efforts to revitalize an 80-  
8 acre portion of East Baltimore; to provide information on the level of MBE/WBE goal  
9 participation of the major contractors, sub-contractors, developers, and other business entities  
10 that are part of the revitalization effort; to report on efforts to address the housing and other  
11 social needs of the residents displaced by the re-development process; and to assess efforts of  
12 all participants and stakeholders to reach the EBDI goal “to work to recapture the essence of  
13 East Baltimore, and restore the community’s vibrancy and productivity.”

14 **Recitals**

15 East Baltimore Development, Inc., (EBDI), a non-profit organization charged with leading  
16 and managing the \$800 million revitalization of an 80-acre portion of East Baltimore, that works  
17 with support from many partners including Baltimore City, the State of Maryland, and a number  
18 of local civic groups and charitable foundations, has adopted the slogan: *On the Way to*  
19 *Baltimore’s New EastSide.*

20 The organization, headquartered in the heart of the East Baltimore neighborhood that is  
21 undergoing revitalization, in addition to government agencies, is supported by the Annie E.  
22 Casey Foundation; BaltimoreHousing.org.; Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning; East  
23 Baltimore Community Corporation; The Enterprise Foundation; The Enterprise Social  
24 Corporation; the Goldsecker Foundation; the Greater Baltimore Committee; The Johns Hopkins  
25 University; and the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation.

26 EBDI, governed by a board of directors that includes government officials, community  
27 members, business and academic leaders, and representatives of philanthropic organizations has  
28 as one of its primary goals “to encourage the maximum practical participation of minority,  
29 female, and local business enterprises in all aspects of the project, including, but not limited to,

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1 planning, development, management, equity/ownership, contracting, financing, construction,  
2 professional services, commodities, manufacturing, and related services.”

3 Forest City Enterprises, the developer for Baltimore’s ‘New Eastside’ is known for creating  
4 vibrant, mixed-use environments at complex urban sites. The Forest City-New East Partnership  
5 is made up of Forest City Enterprises and Baltimore Biotech Ventures, a consortium of minority-  
6 owned firms that came together to achieve the redevelopment of the New East Baltimore  
7 Community. These firms include Doracon/Lambda Development, Legacy-Harrison Enterprises,  
8 Banks Contracting Co., and the Wilkinson Group.

9 EBDI’s mission to engage those entities that employ minorities, females, and local residents  
10 in the Project Area, so that “these groups may have the maximum achievable opportunity to  
11 compete for contracts, jobs, and other economic opportunities associated with Baltimore’s New  
12 Eastside”, is laudable. Those whose lives were disrupted by a project that cost millions of  
13 dollars and that will benefit many thousands of participants should share in the benefits that  
14 accrue. Their needs should not be obscured by the dust that arises as the ‘Old Eastside’ is razed.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
16 Board of Directors and the Chair of the Inclusion Committee of East Baltimore Development,  
17 Inc., (EBDI), the Senior Vice President for Development and Planning of the Forest City  
18 Commercial Group, and members of the Baltimore Biotech Ventures Consortium are requested  
19 to address the City Council on the status of efforts to revitalize an 80-acre portion of East  
20 Baltimore; to provide information on the level of MBE/WBE goal participation of the major  
21 contractors, sub- contractors, developers, and other business entities that are part of the  
22 revitalization effort; to report on efforts to address the housing and other social needs of the  
23 residents displaced by the re-development process; and to assess efforts of all participants and  
24 stakeholders to reach the EBDI goal “to work to recapture the essence of East Baltimore, and  
25 restore the community’s vibrancy and productivity.”

26 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
27 Board of Directors and the Chair of the Inclusion Committee of East Baltimore Development,  
28 Inc., (EBDI), the Senior Vice President for Development and Planning of the Forest City  
29 Commercial Group, Members of the Baltimore Biotech Ventures Consortium, the Director of the  
30 MBE/WBE Opportunity Compliance Office, the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Minority  
31 Business Development, the Chair of the Baltimore City Council Ad Hoc Committee on Small  
32 Business, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.