


MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM: M. J. Brodie, President 

DATE: February 12, 2009

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 09-0261
Land Bank Authority

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is pleased to support City Council Bill 09-0261, establishing the Land Bank Authority of Baltimore City, with proposed amendments as detailed below.

A provision added to the bill detailing the purpose and intent of the formation of the Land Bank Authority which specifies that the Land Bank Authority provides for the efficient acquisition and disposition of abandoned, vacant, and underutilized properties consistent with the City's adopted plans and policies where applicable (including, without limitation, Master Plans, Urban Renewal Plans, and established Economic Development initiatives and projects).

A provision added to the bill requiring that any properties proposed for conveyance by the City to the Land Bank Authority be first reviewed by the City and its agencies to determine if said properties are no longer needed by the City for economic or community development purposes. The BDC respectfully recommends a favorable consideration of this bill.

cc: Andrew Frank
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