




MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO 

DATE: May 19, 2017

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 17-0068
Waterfront Management District – Extension of District

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 17-0068, an ordinance for the purpose of extending the Waterfront Management District to encompass certain adjoining blocks; clarifying a description of certain properties excepted from the Supplemental tax; making this ordinance subject to certain contingencies; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Waterfront management District and Authority.

The Waterfront Management District and Authority (WMA) was created by Ordinance 07-417 in June, 2007. Administered by the Waterfront Partnership and covering the Waterfront area including the Inner Harbor, Harbor East, Harbor Point and a portion of Fells Point. The WMA has been very effective in supplementing city services to create a cleaner and safer Waterfront. The positive impact of Waterfront Partnership has been noticed by property owners and businesses outside the current boundaries to nearby areas. The proposed expansion of the WMA will extend the reach of these supplemental services throughout the Fell's Point commercial area.

BDC supports the proposed ordinance and is respectfully requesting that Bill No. 17-0068 be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc: Kyron Banks

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