

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 18, 2019
TO: Land Use and Transportation Committee
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO 
POSITION: Support
SUBJECT: Council Bill 19-0397 - Repeal of Ordinance 03-613 – University of Maryland BioPark
Planned Unit Development

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 19-0397 introduced by President Scott and Councilmember Bullock, at the request of University of Maryland Baltimore, UMB Health Sciences Research Park Corporation, and BioPark Fremont LLC.

PURPOSE

For the purpose of repealing Ordinance 03-613, as amended by Ordinance 11-477, which designated certain properties as a Planned Unit Development known as University of Maryland BioPark; and providing for a special effective date.

BRIEF HISTORY

The BioPark Planned Unit Development (PUD) approved in 2003 and amended in 2011 by Baltimore City Planning and City Council previously provided flexibility to the development of the BioPark. The 2017 enactment of the new Zoning Code provides for development and design regulations consistent with the Comprehensive Master Plan for the newly created Bio-Science Campus District Zone, where the BioPark is presently located. Repealing the Planned Unit Development designation would allow for the BioPark to be developed without extraneous regulations, and help to further achieve the full fit out of the park which will include 1.8 million square feet of research lab/office space, biotech incubator, parking garages, pedestrian paths, and greenspace.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation **Supports** City Council Bill 19-0397.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305.

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