

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Brenda McKenzie, President and CEO *KR for BDC*

DATE: March 12, 2014

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 14-0326
Planned Unit Development – Amendment 5 – York Road and Belvedere
Avenue (Belvedere Square)

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill #14-0326. BDC understands that City Council Bill No. 14-0326 is for the purpose of approving certain amendments to the Development Plan of the York Road and Belvedere Avenue (Belvedere Square) Planned Unit Development. This Planned Unit Development amendment would reauthorize special events and the outdoor display and sale of merchandise as permitted uses and would provide a termination date for those provisions. In addition, the Bill would also revise Exhibit B, "Seating Plan", to modify the maximum number of outdoor tables and seats permitted.

BDC supports Bill No. 14-0326 with one amendment. The Seating Plan date is amended from the original May 16, 2007 to the proposed July 8, 2013. The original seating plan authorized 250 seats for outdoor seating. In August of 2013, the applicants requested minor amendment for an increase to 400 seats (with an accompanying exhibit dated July 8, 2013), but it was rejected by the Planning Commission, and an increase to 300 seats was approved. BDC recommends that an alternate seating plan showing 300 seats capacity is submitted, in conformity with the last minor amendment.

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