

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Honorable President and Members of the City Council

Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM:

M. J. Brodie, President

DATE:

December 3, 2008

SUBJECT:

City Council Bill No. 08-0230

Zoning - Conditional Use Pharmacy: Drive-in - 1301 Baylis Street

(a/k/a) 3500 Boston Street)

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is pleased to support City Council Bill 08-0230. This Bill seeks to allow for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a drive-in pharmacy at 1301 Baylis Street (a/k/a 3500 Boston Street).

The Southwest Broom Factory in Canton is a good example of the adaptive reuse of Baltimore's former industrial buildings. The building and parking lot are currently undergoing renovations that incorporates attractive design elements, provides for a mix of commercial land uses, and enhances the Boston Street corridor. The BDC provided assistance with securing a license agreement for the exclusive use of the parking lot in front of the building which will help current and new businesses at the Broom Factory to grow and expand.

Overall, the granting of a conditional use for a drive-in pharmacy will allow for local retail business in southeast Baltimore to grow and support surrounding communities while reusing our aging industrial buildings and infrastructure. BDC respectfully request that this bill be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc:

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