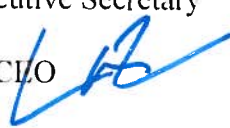


MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO 

DATE: December 9, 2014

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 14-0454
Urban Renewal – Inner Harbor Project I - Amendment

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) supports City Council Bill 14-0454. If passed, the bill will amend the Inner Harbor Project I Urban Renewal Plan to eliminate Development Area 21 and its associated standards and controls on the property, and changes the land use designation for the property within the former Development Area 21 boundaries from “commercial” to “commercial residential.” The bill also revises the standards and controls governing Development Area 18 to allow for parking at and above grade.

BDC is also in support of the Planning Commission’s amendment to the bill, as approved by the commission on December 4, 2014. This amendment will eliminate Development Area 7 and its associated standards and controls on the property, and changes the land use designation for the property within the former Development Area 7 boundaries from “commercial/public” to “commercial residential.”

These changes are necessary to facilitate mixed-use/residential developments planned for properties located at 414 Light Street, 611 South Charles Street, and 300 East Pratt Street, which will help achieve the Mayor’s goal of bringing 10,000 new families into the city.

cc: Colin Tarbert
Angela Gibson

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