




MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO 

DATE: October 2, 2018

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 18-0290
Zoning – Conditional Use Residential Care Facility – Variances – 1208, 1210-1222,
and 1224-1226 East Baltimore Street

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 18-0290, an ordinance for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a residential care facility on the properties known as 1208, 1210-1222, and 1224-1226 East Baltimore Street and granting variances from certain bulk and yard regulations for rear yard and building height and from certain off-street parking regulations.

This proposed project is an expansion of the Helping Up Mission to include a new residential facility for homeless women with children (known as Freedom House), and is the latest contribution to the revitalization of Historic Jonestown in line with the *Jonestown Vision Plan*. To date, BDC has been actively involved in several projects on this block of East Baltimore Street; including the newly constructed Ronald McDonald House, the reconstruction of McKim Park, and the extensive renovation of the former Hendler Creamery building. Expansion of the Helping Up Mission is a welcome addition to the continued progress in the corridor.

BDC supports the proposed ordinance and is respectfully requesting that Bill No. 18-0290 be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc: Kyron Banks