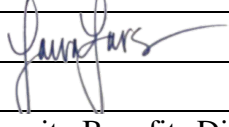




CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Laura Larsen, Budget Director 
DATE	June 26 th , 2024
SUBJECT	24-0519 Port Covington Community Benefits District and Management Authority - Renewal Through June 30, 2028

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

Position: Does Not Oppose

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 24-0519, Port Covington Community Benefits District and Management Authority - Renewal Through June 30, 2028, the purpose of reviewing, renewing and continuing the Port Covington Community Benefits District and the Port Covington Community Benefits Management Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Port Covington Community Benefits District and the Port Covington Community Benefits Management Authority.

Background

There are several Community Benefits Districts across the city: Waterfront, Midtown, Charles Village, and Downtown. These Community Benefits Districts, and the Management Authorities that preside over them, provide additional services to their residents such as street cleaning, alley maintenance, and safety patrols. These services are funded by a property tax surcharge paid by property owners in the District.

Fiscal Impact

As of May 2024, there are 82 total properties within the Port Covington district boundaries. Note that since Port Covington is a TIF district, baseline property taxes will first go to pay the TIF bond debt service. While there is no direct cost or revenue impact to the City, the additional surcharge adds to an already high tax burden on property owners and have the potential to discourage investments. The increased tax burden has the potential to limit the City's flexibility to increase General Fund revenues in the future.

Conclusion

The Department of Finance does not oppose the passage of City Council Bill 24-0518 - South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and Management Authority.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 24-0519.

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