

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 4, 2017

SUBJECT: City Council Bill 17-0116

Baltimore City Landmark List: Exteriors – Metropolitan United Methodist Church

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on Council Bill 17-0116, Baltimore City landmark list: Exteriors-Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 1119 and 1123 West Lanvale Street, as an historical landmark: exterior

The appropriate preservation of buildings, structures, sites and neighborhoods that possess aesthetic, historic and architectural value can positively impact the City's economy by maintaining a rich social and historic urban fabric while simultaneously providing a catalyst for new development and capital investment. The Metropolitan United Methodist Church has roots in the City of Baltimore as early as 1825 and 1927 when they moved to their current location.

BDC supports Bill No. 17-0116 and respectfully requests that it be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc: Kyron Banks