


MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 18, 2019
TO: Land Use and Transportation Committee
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO 
POSITION: Support
SUBJECT: Council Bill 19-0398 Urban Renewal – Poppleton – Amendment_

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 19-0398 introduced by President Scott and Councilmember Bullock, at the request of University of Maryland Baltimore, UMB Health Sciences Research Park Corporation, and BioPark Fremont LLC.

PURPOSE

Amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Poppleton to modify the boundaries of the Renewal Plan to remove certain properties, to revise certain exhibits to the Plan to reflect the change in the boundaries and to delete a certain exhibit, and to conform, clarify, or correct certain references in the Plan; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

BRIEF HISTORY

The Urban Renewal Plan for Poppleton was approved by the Mayor and City Council on March 31, 1975 to implement design and development objectives pursuant to job creation, expanding the economic base of the Poppleton neighborhood and southwest Baltimore. Modifying the Urban Renewal Plan for Poppleton reduces the barriers for development and continued investment in the BioPark cluster, which continues to be an anchor and catalyst for further commercial development on West Baltimore Street.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation **Supports** to City Council Bill 19-0398.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305.

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