



## MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 12, 2019  
TO: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development  
FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO *W. H. Cole*  
POSITION: Support  
SUBJECT: Council Bill 19-0141R - Creation of Pennsylvania Avenue Black Arts and Entertainment District

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### INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation is reporting on City Council Bill 19-0141R introduced by Councilmembers Pinkett, Costello, Henry, Bullock, Cohen, Schleifer, Councilmembers Scott, Clarke, Stokes, Sneed, Reisinger and Middleton, and Council President Young.

### PURPOSE

For the purpose of designating the Pennsylvania Avenue Corridor and surrounding communities within defined boundaries as the Pennsylvania Avenue Black Arts and Entertainment District.

### BRIEF HISTORY

Pennsylvania Avenue is well recognized in the city for its history as a destination for arts and culture in the African American community. There are currently no Arts and Entertainment Districts in the state of Maryland dedicated to African American culture. This designation will provide Pennsylvania Avenue with an important tool to attract new investment to the commercial corridor.

### FISCAL IMPACT

NONE

### AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation **Supports** City Council Bill 19-0141R

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