

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 08-0066R
(Resolution)**

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Assigned to: Community Development Subcommittee

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing - East Baltimore Development Inc.**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting that the representatives of East Baltimore Development Inc., brief
4 the Council regarding the status of their current projects, their use of minority businesses in
5 current development projects, and their current procurement and hiring practices.

6 **Recitals**

7 East Baltimore Development Inc. (EBDI) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization charged with
8 leading and managing the \$1.8 billion revitalization of an 88-acre portion of East Baltimore.
9 EBDI works with support from a long list of partners including the City of Baltimore, the State
10 of Maryland, and a number of local civic groups and charitable Foundations. EBDI's work is
11 governed by a board of directors that includes government officials, community members,
12 business and academic leaders and representatives of philanthropic organizations.

13 In Baltimore's current development market, it is as important as ever for minority businesses
14 to be included in the procurement and hiring practices of development companies. According to
15 the East Baltimore Development Inc.'s *Economic Opportunity Plan and Procurement Policy*,
16 EBDI is committed to provide fair and representative opportunities for Minority-Owned,
17 Women-Owned, and Locally-Based businesses, on all contracting and procurement activities.

18 According to recent EBDI Economic Inclusion Updates, to date, \$73,866,045.00 has been
19 awarded in contracts on the entire East Baltimore Development Project. Approximately \$40
20 million has been awarded in contracts to Minority-Owned businesses, Women-Owned businesses
21 or Local Business Enterprises.

22 In today's economic climate, it is as important as ever to be actively engaged in securing new
23 opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses. EBDI has shown that it is a leader in
24 economic inclusion and has worked with the City of Baltimore, among others, to make this
25 inclusion a priority. EBDI has employed the services of an economic inclusion monitoring and
26 compliance team to act as its representative on matters regarding the development and
27 monitoring of its Economic Inclusion Plan. Through the sharing of information, EBDI can
28 update the Council on its current economic inclusion goals, plans and activities, and further show
29 its commitment to economic opportunity in all of its employment and procurement practices.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That this
2 Body requests that the representatives of East Baltimore Development Inc., brief the Council
3 regarding the status of their current projects, their use of minority businesses in current
4 development projects, and their current procurement and hiring practices.

5 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
6 President and CEO of EBDI, the CFO of EBDI, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the
7 Council.