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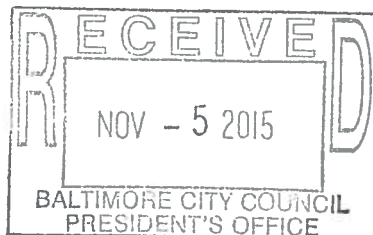
The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 15-0564 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Baltimore Development Corporation).

The purpose of the Bill is to extend the Waterfront Management District to encompass certain adjoining blocks; modify the criteria for local businesses, organizations, and residents to be represented on the Board of Directors of the Waterfront Management Authority; correct, clarify, and conform related language; make this ordinance subject to certain contingencies; provide for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Waterfront Management District and Authority.

Article II of the Baltimore City Charter authorizes the City to establish up to six community benefit district management authorities. The purpose of these authorities is to promote and market the district areas, provide supplemental security and maintenance services, and other public amenities. The Waterfront Partnership Inc. was formed in October of 2005 at the recommendation of the Mayor's Inner Harbor Task Force. This nonprofit corporation was to provide a cohesive and focused management of the Inner Harbor area and to enhance the condition and use of Baltimore's waterfront area. Two years later, Ordinance 07-417 created the Waterfront Management District and Authority which encompasses the Inner Harbor, Harbor East, Harbor Point and a portion of Fells Point (roughly from the Rusty Scupper to the Bond Street Wharf). Resolution 11-29 renewed the District and Authority for another four year term that expired on April 23, 2015. Resolution 15-21 renewed and continued the District and Authority for an additional four years, ending April 23, 2019.

City Council Bill 15-0564, if approved, would allow for the expansion of its boundaries to include two adjacent areas: an area bounded by Eastern Avenue, South Caroline Street, Aliceanna Street, Central Avenue, Fleet Street, and President Street; and an area bounded by Caroline Street, Thames Street, Dock Street, Dallas Street, and Lancaster Street. The Board of Directors may not have less than 13 nor more than 25 members, at least 3 of which must be representatives selected from various businesses, organizations, and residents in the District. At least two thirds of the members must be representatives of property owners subject to the special tax imposed by the District.



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The Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc. administers the Authority, helping to keep the Inner Harbor an attractive and welcoming environment for those who visit, work and live in the area. Since creation of the Authority, the Department of Public Works has worked together with the Waterfront Partnership to meet the needs of the District, and is particularly aligned with the Partnership's goal of promoting a clean and healthy harbor.

The Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 15-0564.

Sincerely,



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