

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 10, 2024

TO: Finance and Performance Committee

FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO

POSITION: Favorable

SUBJECT: Council Bill 24-0595

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 24-0595 introduced by Council President Mosby.

PURPOSE

The intent of the legislation is to designate a City-Wide Affordable Housing Development District to directly address Baltimore city's vacant housing needs. The Development District will target areas most in need. In addition, the City-Wide Affordable Housing Bond Issuance will create the funds necessary to provide the financial stimulus to help pay for rehabilitation of vacant houses and affordable housing development in targeted neighborhood.

BRIEF HISTORY

A combination of historical factors had a negative impact on housing, vacant housing, population loss and disinvestment in Baltimore City. In an effort to address these issues, establishing a City-Wide Affordable Housing Development District will help to create and improve the affordable housing stock and increase the tax base for the city.

FISCAL IMPACT [to BDC]

None.

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation respectfully submits a **favorable** report on City Council Bill 24-0595. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com.

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