

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO

DATE: November 2, 2018

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 18-0297
Prevailing Wages – Tax Increment Financing Projects

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 18-0297, concerning the extending of an existing prevailing wage requirement to projects receiving funds from Tax Increment Financing.

This past legislative session, the State of Maryland passed Senate Bill 278, an act concerning Prevailing Wages – Tax Increment Financing Developments – Application. The current Council Bill acts to put in place the local authority to authorize or decline the application of the State regulation for the City of Baltimore. The Bill expands the types of activities for which funds within a Tax Increment Financing project are used, either in part or wholly, where prevailing wages would be required. It also increases the usage coverage of prevailing wages to subcontractors and lower tier contractors.

The BDC has no objections to this Bill.

cc: Kyron Banks