CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL 22-0096R (Resolution)

Introduced by: The Council President At the request of: The Administration (Baltimore Development Corporation) Introduced and read first time: March 7, 2022 Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee Committee Report: Favorable Adopted: Yes

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

1 2 3	Approving the Submission of an Application to the State of Maryland for the Redesignation of Baltimore City's Modified Consolidated Enterprise Zone and its Focus Areas
4 5	FOR the purpose of approving the submission of an application to the State of Maryland to redesignate Baltimore City's modified Consolidated Enterprise Zone and its Focus Areas.
6	Recitals
7 8 9	WHEREAS , The General Assembly of the State of Maryland established an Enterprise Zone Program to focus State and local resources on the encouragement of economic growth in economically distressed areas and employment opportunities for the unemployed.
10 11 12	WHEREAS , the current Consolidate Enterprise Zone and Focus Areas expire in June 2022 and it is now time for the redesignation of Baltimore City's Consolidated Enterprise Zone and Focus Areas.
13 14	WHEREAS , the City of Baltimore and representatives of the Baltimore Development Corporation ("BDC") have been working towards this end.
15 16 17	WHEREAS , the City of Baltimore, through the BDC used data from the 2019 American Community Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau to determine the census tracts that met the eligibility criteria for the Enterprise Zone and Focus Areas.
18 19 20	WHEREAS, certain census tracts that had previously been included in Baltimore City's Consolidated Enterprise Zone no longer qualify under the criteria set forth by the State of Maryland and have been removed from the modified Consolidated Enterprise Zoned.
21 22 23 24	WHEREAS, the Baltimore City Council recognizes that there is a significant need to stimulate the creation of jobs by including the Downtown, Port Covington, Highlandtown, Greektown, Edmondson Square, Reisterstown Road, Falls Road, Greenmount Avenue, York Road Corridor, Harford Corridor, Belair Road, Fayette Street, North Washington Street, Sinclair Lane, and

25 Frankford Avenue in Baltimore City's Consolidated Enterprise Zone.

EXPLANATION: <u>Underlining</u> indicates matter added by amendment. Strike out indicates matter stricken by amendment.