



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner

Date: August 9, 2022

Re: City Council Bill 22-0228 Midtown Community Benefits District - Amendment

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0228 for the purpose of altering the boundaries of the Midtown Community Benefits District; amending the composition of the District's Board of Directors; revising the enforcement of taxing; adjusting the allowable rate of Supplementary Tax; and generally relating to the Midtown Community Benefits District.

If enacted, this bill would remove the portion of the Benefits District north of North Avenue, and will make updates to organizations referenced in the plan, as well as changes to the composition of its Board. The Midtown Community Benefits District was established in 1996 and provides services across a 144-block area in central Baltimore. The neighborhood advocacy and improvement group include four distinct communities: Bolton Hill, Charles North, Madison Park, and Mount Vernon.

All of the established programs over the years have worked to ensure that the neighborhood remains clean, safe and vibrant. DHCD does not anticipate that the amendment will have an adverse fiscal or operational impact on the Department.

DHCD **supports** the passage of City Council Bill 22-0228.

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cc: Ms. Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office of Government Relations