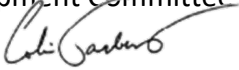




## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 17, 2022  
**TO:** Economic and Community Development Committee  
**FROM:** Colin Tarbert, President and CEO   
**POSITION:** No Objection  
**SUBJECT:** 22-0263: Landmark List: Exteriors – Harlem Theater

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### INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 22-0263 introduced by Councilmember Bullock on August 15, 2022.

### PURPOSE

For the purpose of designating the exterior of the Harlem Theater, located at 616 North Gilmor Street (Block 0110, 4 Lot 008), as an historical landmark.

### BRIEF HISTORY

The Harlem Theater building was originally constructed as a church, in the early 1900's. In 1924, a fire destroyed the church, and the building was abandoned. In 1928 the title was transferred to a company that rehabilitated the structure and in 1932 the Harlem Theater opened with tremendous community support. The Harlem Theater operated as such, until the mid-1970's. In 1975 Reverend Raymond Kelly, Jr. bought the property and founded the Harlem Park Community Baptist Church in the former movie theater. The property was sold to Ajor Real Estate Group LLC in June of 2019. The community supports this historic landmark designation. A multi-phase rehabilitation is planned to coincide with completion of the Sandtown Winchester Harlem Park Master Plan.

### FISCAL IMPACT (to BDC)

None.

### AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation has **no objection** to the passage of City Council Bill 22-0263.

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