

TO:

July 24, 2023

Economic and Community Development Committee

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 23-0400 introduced by Councilman Costello at the request of Insulator Drive, LLC.

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the boundaries of the Port Covington Community Benefits District as shown on a map on file with the Department of Planning dated June 1, 2023.

Article II of the Baltimore City Charter authorizes the City to establish up to six community benefit district management authorities by ordinance, provided that 58 percent of the voters in the proposed district concur in an election. The purpose of these authorities is to promote and market the district areas, provide supplemental security and maintenance services, and other public amenities. Ordinance 20-358 added a sixth benefit district known as the Port Covington District and Port Covington Community Benefits District Management Authority. City Council Bill 23-0400, if approved, would expand the boundaries of the benefit district.

The Department of Public Works is an active partner with the existing six Districts and Authorities and provides specified baseline services through individual baseline services agreements. The Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 23-0400, provided the requisite minimum of 58 percent of the voters within the newly defined (and expanded) area concur in an election, as required by law.

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