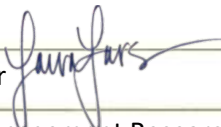



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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

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Position: Does Not Oppose

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 23-0429, South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority - Board of Directors, the purpose of which is to establish certain membership requirements for the Board of Directors for the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority (SBGCIDMA), institute term limits for certain members of the Board of Directors, and provide for a special effective date.

Background

The South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District (CID) was established by Ordinance 16-509 in August 2016. This area includes neighborhoods located in proximity to the Horseshoe Casino, referred to as the casino impact area. Unlike other special benefits districts, the South Baltimore Gateway CID is funded by local impact grants from video lottery proceeds and not a special property tax levy. The State of Maryland allocates a portion of gross terminal revenue from video lottery terminals at Maryland Live, MGM National Harbor, and Horseshoe Casinos to Baltimore City. State law requires that 50% of the allocation of the City goes directly to the South Baltimore Gateway CID to support local projects, while the other 50% supports core City services within one mile of the casino impact area.

The Board of Directors is currently required to include two members appointed by the City Council President. This legislation would require that the City Council President appoint Baltimore City Council members who represent districts that overlap with the boundaries of the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District as ex officio board members. Currently, SBGCIDMA’s bylaws may specify a maximum number of consecutive terms that an appointed member may service. This legislation adds an exemption to this rule that term limits are not established for appointed members if they are elected officials.

Fiscal Impact

The Department of Finance does not anticipate a fiscal impact from this legislation.

Conclusion

This legislation defines membership requirements for the Board of Directors for the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority and clarifies term limits for certain members of the Board of Directors. The Department of Finance does not anticipate a fiscal impact for the City from this legislation.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 23-0429.

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