




CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner 
DATE	June 17, 2024
SUBJECT	24-0518 South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and Management Authority - Renewal Through June 30, 2028

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

7/2/2024

Position: Favorable

Introduction

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 24-0518 for the purpose of reviewing, renewing, and continuing the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority.

If enacted, City Council Bill 24-0518 would extend the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority through June 30, 2028. It is presently set to expire on August 29, 2024. If approved, this legislation will become effective the day of its enactment.

DHCD Analysis

The South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and Management Authority was designed to help implement the South Baltimore Gateway Master Plan and promote and market the District in the area surrounding the Casino, using impact funds. They work in partnership with the city to split Baltimore's share of the Local Impact Grants and undertake activities such as awarding Community Grants that directly empower communities in qualifying neighborhoods, providing enhanced maintenance and security services that improve quality of life and championing major Transformational Projects to improve the District as a whole.

DHCD supports the Mayor and City Council in their efforts to review the effectiveness and desirability of continuing the existence of the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority.

Portions of the Community Impact District are within DHCD's Southwest Impact Investment Area and several Community Development Zones. We recognize the need for the timely passage of this Ordinance as the City Charter requires such a review to occur every 4 years from the original enactment of the enabling legislation, which was on August 29, 2016 and has been extended twice. DHCD does not anticipate an operational or fiscal impact from the passage of this Bill.

Conclusion

DHCD respectfully request a **favorable** report on City Council Bill 24-0518.