




CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner 
DATE	July 2, 2024
SUBJECT	24-0519 Port Covington Community Benefits District and Management Authority - Renewal Through June 30, 2028

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

07/02/24

Position: Favorable

Introduction

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 24-0519 Port Covington Community Benefits District and Management Authority - Renewal Through June 30, 2028 for the purpose of reviewing, renewing and continuing the Port Covington Community Benefits District and the Port Covington Community Benefits Management Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Port Covington Community Benefits District and the Port Covington Community Benefits Management Authority.

If enacted, City Council Bill 24-0519 would renew and continue the Port Covington Community Benefits District and Management Authority for an additional 4 years, backdating from May 18, 2024, through June 30, 2028 and become effective the date of its enactment. At its regular meeting of May 9th, 2024, the Planning Commission concurred with its Departmental staff and recommended that this Bill be approved by the City Council.

DHCD Analysis

The Port Covington Community Benefits District and the Port Covington Community Benefits Management Authority were designed to function as a Business Improvement District (BID) for the purpose of funding specific additional services such as; beautification and landscape maintenance, snow removal, sanitation services, additional security, marketing, events, and fundraising efforts.

DHCD supports the Mayor and City Council in their efforts towards continuing the Port Covington Community Benefits District and Management Authority. We recognize the need for the timely passage of this Ordinance, as the Charter requires such a review to occur every 4 years from the original enactment of the enabling legislation, which occurred on August 18, 2020, and is set to expire on August 18, 2024.

The Port Covington Community Benefits District is not located within any of DHCD's Streamlined Code Enforcement Areas, Community Development Zones, or Impact Investment Areas. DHCD does not anticipate an operational or fiscal impact from the passage of this Bill, nor would it likely impact any Development projects being undertaken by the agency.

Conclusion

DHCD respectfully request a **favorable** report on City Council Bill 24-0519.