

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Honorable President and Members of the City Council

Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM:

M. J. Brodie, President Dudie

DATE:

November 8, 2010

SUBJECT:

City Council Bill 10-0619

Waterfront Management District and Waterfront Management Authority -

Renewal through April 23, 2015

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council bill 10-0619, an ordinance for the purpose of renewing and continuing the Waterfront Management District and Waterfront Management Authority for a new four (4) year term.

The Waterfront Management District was created with the goal of providing critical services to the City's iconic Inner Harbor. Following the issuance of a report by the Greater Baltimore Committee, which documented the need for a management district, Ordinance 07-417 authorized the creation of the Waterfront management District and Waterfront Management Authority on April 24, 2007. This initial authorization stipulated that the Mayor and City Council will conduct a review every four years to determine whether the District and Authority should continue for another four years.

The Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc. (WFP) has administered the Management District and Authority since its inception. Over this period, WPB has served both city residents and visitors by keeping the Inner Harbor area clean of debris and litter; by managing landscaping and maintenance services in the District; and by providing trained safety and hospitality guides who lend a helpful hand to all visitors and help promote the Inner Harbor and the City.

BDC supports the passage of City Council Bill 10-0619 to continue the Waterfront Management District and the Waterfront Management Authority through April 23, 2015.

cc:

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Angela Gibson