

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Honorable President and Members of the City Council

Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM:

Brenda McKenzie, President

DATE:

January 9, 2013

SUBJECT:

City Council Bill No. 12-0082R

Informational Hearing - Casino Community Hiring

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill 12-0082R – *Informational Hearing* – *Casino Community Hiring* for the purpose of discussing the possible benefits of job development and opportunities within the casino community for Baltimore City residents.

BDC's mission is to increase jobs and the tax base in Baltimore City and the increased employment of city residents will directly assist both areas. The development of the Casino represents an investment of \$310 million into the City of Baltimore. The economic impact associated with the development of this facility includes 1,939 construction jobs (direct and indirect) and 1,894 permanent jobs (direct and indirect). On December 19, 2012 the Board of estimates approved a Memorandum of Understanding for the hiring of local residents for permanent jobs at the casino.

BDC respectfully requests that Bill No. 12-0082R is given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc:

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