

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Honorable President and Members of the City Council

Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM:

Brenda McKenzie, President and CEO

DATE:

May 13, 2013

SUBJECT:

City Council Bill No. 13-0216

City Streets - Closing - Howil Terrace

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on *City Council Bill 13-0216* for the purpose of closing Howill Terrace. This bill will allow the neighboring property owner to purchase the land from the City to use as outdoor seating for Jerry's Belvedere Tavern, which will help to enliven and create a more vibrant commercial district. The owners agreed to limit the number of seats, tables, and hours of operation in order to receive support from the local community association, and they have received approval from the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals (BMZA) for the outdoor seating and approval from the Board of Liquor License Commissioners to expand their liquor license.

BDC has reviewed Bill 13-0216 and supports this ordinance. BDC respectfully requests that this bill be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc:

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