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November 11, 2013

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council City Hall, Room 409 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, MD 21202

Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

Re: City Council Bills 13-0263, 0264, and 0265 - Supplemental General Obligation Bond Appropriation

Dear President and City Council Members:

Downtown Partnership of Baltimore supports the amendments (CB 13-0263, 0264, and 0265) that would restore three Capital Improvement Project funds to Downtown Partnership. These projects were previously approved by the Planning Commission but inadvertently excluded by the City from the Fiscal 2014 Ordinance of Estimates.

Once restored, the funding will be used for necessary capital improvement projects on properties owned by the City: Courthouse Plaza, Lexington Market, and Pratt Street. These projects are important to the community and will bring necessary repairs and design improvements to the public right of way. The public funds will also leverage significant private funding to complete this work for the common good.

Each of the bills listed above corrects an oversight made during this year's budget submission process. I sincerely hope the Council will approve each bill so that these important capital projects will continue to move forward. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Kirby Fowler President

CC: Ms. Angela Gibson