

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO 

DATE: May 12, 2015

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 15-0515
City Streets – Opening – Air Rights over a Portion of a 10-Foot Alley in the
Rear of 435-439 East Lafayette Avenue

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 15-0515, an ordinance for the purpose of condemning and opening air rights over a portion of a 10-foot alley in the rear of 435-439 East Lafayette Avenue, extending westerly 56 feet, more or less, from Greenmount Avenue, as shown on Plat 202-A-61 in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

The Development team composed of Homes for America, The Reinvestment Fund (TRF) and Jubilee Baltimore was awarded the site through a Request for Proposals process held by the Department of Housing and Community Development. After completing City Arts, a similar project, in the 1500-block of Greenmount Avenue, the development team is marketing this as a second phase, called City Arts II. The plans call for additional artist housing, consisting of five townhomes and a 60-unit apartment building along Greenmount Avenue. The apartment building will include a sally port below where the air rights are proposed to be closed, retaining 17 feet of clearance for vehicular access and utility maintenance.

BDC has reviewed the ordinance and supports the proposed ordinance and is respectfully requesting that Bill No. 15-0515 be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc: Colin Tarbert
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