


MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO 

DATE: May 12, 2015

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 15-0519
City Streets – Closing – 2 10-Foot Alleys between Lafayette Avenue,
Lanvale Street, Barclay Street, and Greenmount Avenue

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Bill No. 15-0519, an ordinance for the purpose of condemning and closing 2 10-foot alleys between Lafayette Avenue, Lanvale Street, Barclay Street, and Greenmount Avenue.

The subject alleys are located in the Greenmount West neighborhood, a community that has seen tremendous growth and redevelopment in recent years through new housing, schools, studio space, and other uses. The subject alleys are considered surplus property therefore they are no longer needed for a public purpose. The adjacent properties to the alleys are all city-owned.

The Department of Housing and Community development has awarded the properties to a stellar team of community development companies to facilitate the redevelopment efforts for the artist housing City Arts II project.

BDC has reviewed the ordinance and supports the proposed ordinance and is respectfully requesting that Bill No. 15-0519 be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc: Colin Tarbert
Angela Gibson

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