

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO *Blank for*

DATE: May 20, 2015

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 15-0518
City Streets – Opening – 2 10-Foot Alleys in the Area 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. 15-0518, an ordinance for the purpose of opening 2 10-foot alley way in the area between Lafayette Ave, Lanvale St, Barclay St, and Greenmount Ave. BDC understand the opening is necessary to facilitate a proposed residential project along Greenmount Avenue.

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. 15-0518 be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc: Colin Tarbert
Angela Gibson

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