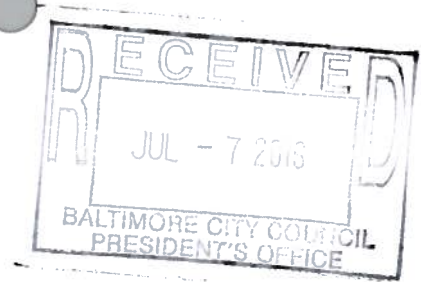




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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: July 5, 2016

Re: **City Council Bill 16-0694 - South Baltimore Gateway Community
Impact District – Establishment**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0694, for the purpose of creating a Community Impact District, to be known as the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District; specifying the boundaries of the District; creating an Authority and providing for its rights, duties, powers, and funding; providing for the selection and composition of the Authority's Board of Directors; providing for an Administrator for the Authority; mandating the financial responsibilities of the Authority and the City in conjunction with the operation of the District; specifying the City's role in maintaining and enhancing existing services; designating the Board of Estimates as the agency charged with reviewing and approving various matters relating to the District and the Authority; providing for the renewal, expiration, and termination of the District and the Authority; including the Authority, its Board of Directors, and its staff within the purview of the City Public Ethics Law; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the existence, operation, and control of the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and Authority.

If enacted, this bill would allow for the establishment of a South Baltimore Community Impact District, which would include 18 neighborhoods most affected by the presence of the nearby Casino, and a Management Authority. The Authority would manage casino impact funds that would be used to advance transformational community and economic development projects within the District.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 16-0694.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
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