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## CITY of BALTIMORE



**CITY COUNCIL BILL 17-0041** 

DATE:

April 18, 2017

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o Natawna Austin Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 17-0041 introduced by Council President Young and Councilmembers Costello, Middleton, Pinkett, Cohen, Stokes, and Reisinger.

The purpose of this bill is to renew and continue the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority, subject to certain conditions, for an additional 5 years; generally relating to the activities and authority of the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority; and providing for a special effective date.

City Code Article 14, Subtitle 1 (the "Enabling Statute") authorized the creation of the Downtown Management District (hereinafter known as the "District") and the Downtown Management Authority (hereinafter known as the "Authority"). The Enabling Statute required that the City Council must periodically hold a public hearing to evaluate the activities and undertakings of the Authority and the District and determine whether to continue their renewal. The following resolutions renewed and continued the District and the Authority for consecutive five year terms: Resolution 96-005, ending June 30, 2002; Resolution 02-026, ending June 30, 2007; Resolution 07-022, ending June 30, 2012; and Resolution 12-001, ending June 30, 2017.

City Council Bill 17-0041, if approved, would renew and continue the District and the Authority for another five year term, ending June 30, 2022. The Department of Public Works (DPW) congratulates the Authority on its accomplishments in the District. Its activities of the Downtown Baltimore Guides, Clean Sweep Ambassadors, Park Stewards, supervision of court-mandated community service workers, streetscape and beautification programs, and capital improvements all complement the work of DPW and our shared goals of keeping the downtown area a clean and attractive place for people to live, work, and visit.

The Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 17-0041 to extend the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority for an additional five years.

Sincerely,

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