

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council

Attention: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary

FROM:

William H. Cole, President and GEO

DATE:

October 22, 2018

SUBJECT:

City Council Resolution No. 18-0111R

Informational Hearing – Baltimore Metropolitan Drinking Supply

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on City Council Resolution No. 18-0111R, a resolution concerning an informational hearing regarding the quality of source water for the Baltimore Metropolitan drinking supply.

Baltimore City possesses various key assets. Among these assets are the three reservoirs and their watersheds, which supply water to not only the City, but the other five Baltimore Metropolitan counties. The purpose of the resolution is to collect information on the quality of the source water, the costs to maintain the quality of the water, examine the land uses including buffer zones around the source water, and identity the ways in which the reservoirs are being protected. Maintaining and protecting this specific asset is key to the long-term growth and viability of Baltimore City.

BDC supports the resolution for an informational hearing and requests that the bill be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

cc: Kyron Banks