

# **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

June 4, 2019

TO:

Land Use and Transportation Committee

FROM:

Kimberly A. Clark, Interim President and CEO

POSITION:

Support

SUBJECT:

Council Bill 19-0371: Zoning - Conditional Use Banquet Hall - 4339 York Road

## INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to review and respond to City Council Bill 19-0371 introduced by Councilmember Henry at the request of The Gaimei N.N. Woah-tee Multipurpose Center.

# **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this bill is permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a banquet hall on the property formerly known as 4339 York Road.

# **BRIEF HISTORY**

The property, which previously was used as a multipurpose community resource center, is currently vacant. The owner would like to re-establish the community center in this location and use the property as a rentable banquet hall, which will provide supplemental funding for community center programming.

BDC continues to support City Council Bill 19-0335 allowing for banquet hall use on the basis that I-MU Zoning Districts are opportunities for vacant, underutilized properties to be adaptively re-used; and that banquet halls are an acceptable reuse, subject to the public approval process.

### FISCAL IMPACT

NONE

#### AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation Supports City Council Bill 19-0371.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305.

cc: Jeffrey Amoros

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