


MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 9, 2019
TO: Committee of the Whole
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO 
POSITION: No Objection
SUBJECT: City Council Bill 19-0174R - Informational Hearing – Anchor Institution’s PILOT Agreement for Real Property Taxes

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 19-0174R, a Resolution concerning an Information Hearing – Anchor Institution’s PILOT Agreement for Real Property Taxes.

PURPOSE

For the purpose of requesting a briefing on the efficacy of the 2016 PILOT agreement with the City’s non-profit anchor institutions, and the feasibility of, desirability of, and options for reopening and renegotiating the agreement.

BRIEF HISTORY

In 2016, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore entered into a PILOT Agreement with 15 non-profit medical and educational anchor institutions, in which the institutions agreed to pay an annual payment in lieu of taxes of \$6 million over Fiscal Years 2017-2026. As stated in the Bill, this Resolution seeks to create a forum in which to review this agreement and examine whether this ten-year PILOT agreement can be, or should be renegotiated.

The Baltimore Development Corporation was not involved in the negotiation of the 2016 PILOT agreement, which was handled by the Mayor’s Office and the Department of Finance. Similarly, BDC is not engaged in any ongoing review or monitoring of the 2016 PILOT agreement for effectiveness, cost/benefit analysis, economic impact or any other benchmarks for efficacy that may have been established at the time that the agreement was approved.

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact to the Baltimore Development Corporation

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation has **no objection** to City Council Bill 19-0174R.

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

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