

MEMORANDUM

DATE:May 14, 2020TO:Land Use CommitteeFROM:Colin Tarbert, President and CEOPOSITION:SupportSUBJECT:Council Bill No. 20-0502– Woodberry Historic District

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 20-0502 introduced by The Council President at the request of The Administration.

PURPOSE

For the purpose of designating the area located within certain boundaries as the Woodberry Historic District; providing for Planned Unit Development review by the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation; and providing for a special effective date.

BRIEF HISTORY

A portion of the Woodberry neighborhood was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2003. This Bill would combine the boundaries of the National Historic designation north of Druid Park Drive with an existing Planned Unit Development (PUD) to the south to create a local historic district that can be reviewed by the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation **Supports** City Council Bill 20-0502. However, we are concerned about the way that the PUD, Historic District and underlying Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) zoning might conflict with one another to prevent the highest and best use for development sites within the boundaries.

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

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