

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October22, 2020

TO: Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO /

POSITION: Support

SUBJECT: Council Bill No. 20-0490

Urban Renewal – Carroll Camden – Renewal Area Designation and Urban

Renewal Plan

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 20-0490 introduced by Council President Scott.

PURPOSE

For the purpose of repealing the existing Carroll Camden Urban Renewal Plan and replacing it by designating as a "Renewal Area" an area situated in Baltimore City, Maryland known as Carroll Camden, bounded generally by 1-95 and Russell Street on the south, Monroe Street on the west, 1-395, South Paca Street, and Ostend Street on the north, and Russell Street and Kloman Street on the east.

BRIEF HISTORY

The Carroll Camden Urban Renewal Plan (URP) was established to support industrial uses in the Carroll Camden Industrial Area. This Bill dually preserves industrial uses in Carroll Camden while strengthening the buffer between the industrial and residential uses. The Bill also recognizes the need for main thoroughfares and a gateway such as Russell Street to maintain its attractiveness for commercial uses that align with downtown zoning and more entertainment uses.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation **Supports** City Council Bill 20-0490 as amended by the Baltimore City Planning Commission.

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

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