



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 28, 2020
TO: Land Use Committee, Baltimore City Council
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO
POSITION: Support
SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 20-0619
Rezoning – 1900, 1904, 1910, and 1916 Light Street

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INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill No. 20-0619 introduced by Councilmember Costello at the request of 1900 Light Street, LLC.

PURPOSE

This ordinance is for the purpose of changing the zoning for the properties known as 1900, 1904, 1910, and 1916 Light Street (Block 1037, Lots 001, 003, 006, and 009) from the R-8 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District.

BRIEF HISTORY

The buildings in question were constructed in 1885 and first housed the Heinz Riverside Abattoir and Southern Beef. In 1986, the buildings were purchased by Stephen Wilhide, the owner of Wilhide Draperies, Inc. (WDI). WDI occupied a portion of the space and leased the remainder to a variety of commercial and residential tenants. In 2017, WDI relocated to Southwest Baltimore.

The requested action will allow for the adaptive reuse of the properties in a manner not permitted under the R-8 zoning designation. Furthermore, as the surrounding area is characterized by largescale mixed use developments, the action will harmonize the site's use with the surrounding area.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

AGENCY POSITION

BDC supports City Council Bill No. 20-0619.

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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