



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 3, 2021  
**TO:** Economic and Community Development Committee  
**FROM:** Colin Tarbert, President and CEO  
**POSITION:** Support  
**SUBJECT:** City Council Bill No. 21-0023  
Urban Renewal – Middle East – Amendment\_\_

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill No. 21-0023, introduced by Councilmember Glover, on January 25, 2021.

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East, modifying certain land uses allowed in the Plan, correcting, clarifying, and conforming certain provisions and references in the Plan to those in the current Baltimore City Zoning Code, replacing Appendix B with a new Appendix B, deleting Appendix E in its entirety, removing certain properties from the lists in Appendices A, C, and D and removing certain other properties located within the Renewal Area.

### **BRIEF HISTORY**

Urban Renewal Plans (URP) are developed in conjunction with City agencies and community members, to aid in bringing about longterm, positive impacts. To this end, these plans must be modified from time to time to reflect the changes in city codes and the desires of community members.

Additionally, the C.A.R.E community voted to have their neighborhood removed from the URP. For over two years, Planning staff has held numerous meetings to explain the URP in detail, as well as discuss their request, what it would mean to be removed and decide on the new proposed boundary modifications. In addition, meetings and outreach were implemented with various stakeholders, including the C.A.R.E community, EBDI, E. Monument Street Merchants' Association, and several adjacent community organizations within the Middle East community to discuss the overall proposed changes and their impacts, including the land use changes, design guideline changes and other modifications.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None

### **AGENCY POSITION**

The BDC supports passage of City Council Bill No. 21-0023.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Clark at [KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com](mailto:KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com) and 410-837-9305.

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