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Introduced by: The Council President

At the request of: The Administration (Baltimore Development Corporation)

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning

Approving the Submission of an Application to the State of Maryland for the Creation of a West Baltimore City Focus Area

For the purpose of approving the submission of an application to the State of Maryland to create a new Focus Area in West Baltimore City.

Whereas, The General Assembly of the State of Maryland established an Enterprise Zone Focus Area Program to focus State and local resources on the encouragement of economic growth in economically distressed areas and on employment opportunities for

the unemployed; and

Whereas, The City Council recognizes that there is a significant need to stimulate the creation of jobs by establishing a Focus Area in the Penn North area of West Baltimore City. By doing so, opportunities will increase for revitalization, rehabilitation, and job creation (See the attached Exhibit, “Proposed West Baltimore Focus Area”, for a map of the area affected by the approval of this Resolution); and

Whereas, *The Focus Area will follow Maryland Annotated Code Article 83A, § 5- 402 and have a 5-year term, whereby reverting back to Enterprise Zone status at the end of the 5 years.*

Whereas, The City of Baltimore, through the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC), has prepared an application for the creation of the Focus Area to include this aforementioned area; and

Whereas, *The regulations of the Enterprise Zone Focus Area Program require the written expression of the sentiment of the Baltimore City Council.*

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, *That the City Council of Baltimore:*

- 1. Hereby endorses this October 2016 application of the City for the creation of the Penn North Focus Area.*
- 2. Resolves that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Commerce, State of Maryland, Honorable Mayor of the City of Baltimore, and President of the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC).*