




# Howard County

## Internal Memorandum

**Subject:** Testimony for Council Bill 24-2012  
Downtown Columbia Partnership

**To:** Lonnie R. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Mark Thompson, Director of Downtown Redevelopment 

**Date:** May 30, 2012

The County Administration supports Council Bill 24-2012 which creates the Downtown Columbia Partnership. The Downtown Columbia Partnership is required to be established by the Downtown Community Enhancements, Programs, and Public Amenities (CEPPA) #6 as part of the Downtown Columbia Plan.

The Downtown Columbia Partnership is being organized as a Commercial District Management Authority for Downtown Columbia and is subject to Article 25A, Section 5(FF) of The Maryland Code.

This legislation establishes the organizational structure of the Downtown Columbia Partnership, the composition of the Board of Directors and describes its powers and duties. This legislation calls for the Downtown Columbia Partnership to serve as the Downtown Columbia Housing Foundation and provides for the Howard County Housing Commission to administer the Downtown Columbia Community Housing Fund for affordable housing assistance in Downtown Columbia. The legislation codifies payments required of developers and property owners pursuant to CEPPAs in the Downtown Columbia Plan. Other duties are also specified in the legislation to provide community-wide benefits to Downtown Columbia.

There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with this bill.

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