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Committee: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Bill: HB 942 – Economic Development – Tax Increment Financing – Noncontiguous

Areas

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports HB 942, which would simply allow for a designated Development District to include noncontiguous blighted for the development or redevelopment of affordable housing.

Local governments are always looking for new tools to develop or redevelop blighted properties. HB 942 builds on the existing authority to use TIF financing in a development district, which places new revenues from the district into a special fund that directly goes back to the district. This is ideal for ensuring the money is used to fight blight.

For these reasons the League respectfully requests that this committee provide a favorable report on House Bill 942. For more information, please contact Justin Fiore, Deputy Director of Advocacy and Public Affairs, at justinf@mdmunipal.org. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

The Maryland Municipal League uses its collective voice to advocate, empower and protect the interests of our 160 local governments members and elevates local leadership, delivers impactful solutions for our communities, and builds an inclusive culture for the 2 million Marylanders we serve.