



Council Member Motion

For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 8, 2019

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** August 6, 2019
From: Councillor Charlayne Thornton-Joe
Subject: Attendance at the IDA Conference, Baltimore, October 26-30

BACKGROUND

The International Downtown Association (IDA) is a world leader and champion for vital and livable urban centers. Through its network of diverse practitioners, its rich body of knowledge, and its unique capacity to nurture community-building partnerships, IDA provides tools, intelligence and strategies for creating healthy and dynamic centers that anchor the well-being of towns, cities and regions of the world. IDA's mission is to connect diverse practitioners who transform cities into healthy and vibrant urban places.

This year's theme will bring together the brightest industry minds to discuss what it means to be "Proudly Urban" and how embracing this mindset can benefit cities of all sizes. Attendees will experience Baltimore's easily walkable neighborhoods the region's densest office district and fastest-growing, most diverse residential neighborhood, where young residents and office tenants are attracted to the city's affordability, transit connectivity, architecture, and thriving cultural scenes.

Topics range from Reimagining Urban Parks for the 21st Century, Historic Baltimore, Housing Attainability and Approaches to Homelessness to name a few.

As Councillor liaison to Downtown Residents and the Downtown Victoria Business Association, I would like to join other DVBA member to attend this conference.

The IDA conference will be held in Baltimore on October 26-30 and the costs are as follows:

Registration	\$ 840.00
Transportation	\$ 1200.00
Accommodation	\$ 680.00
Incidentals	
(taxi/bus)	\$ 200.00
(meals)	\$ 250.00
Carbon Offset Fee	\$ 189.00

Approximate total: \$ 3359.00

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Charlayne Thornton-Joe to attend the IDA Conference to be held in Baltimore, October 26-30, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlayne Thornton-Joe".

Councillor Charlayne Thornton-Joe