

Date: 12/10/13

Submitted in Econ. Dev Committee

Council File No: 13-0600-525

Item No.: 2

~~Topic~~ Communication from the
public

Comparison to other cities:

East:

- **New York City's** 67 BIDs (in 5 boroughs) are managed by the NYC **Department of Small Business Services**.
- **Washington, D.C.'s** 8 BIDs: district's **Office of Small and Local Business Development**
- **Philadelphia's** 14 BIDs: the city's **Commerce Department** (which also oversees business assistance and other economic development issues - city does not have an "Economic Development Dept.")
- In **Massachusetts**, an unknown # of BIDs: state's **Department of Housing & Economic Development, Division of Community Services** (couldn't find info on city oversight; seems to rest with state)
- **New Jersey**, approx. 20 IDs (Improvement Districts): state **Department of Community Affairs**

Midwest:

- **Chicago's** 44 BIDs: Special Service Areas (SSA) unit of the city's **Economic Development Department**
- **Cincinnati's** unknown # of BIDs: city's **Economic Development Division**
- **Milwaukee's** 32 BIDs: city's **Department of City Development** (which covers Housing, Planning, Real Estate and Business Resources)
- **Minneapolis'** unknown # of BIDs: city's **Community Planning & Economic Development Department**

Southwest:

- **Austin's** (TX) 1 or more? PIDs (Property Improvement Districts): city's **Office of Economic Development**
- **Dallas'** 6 PIDs: city's **Economic Development Department**
- **Phoenix'** ? BIDs: city's **Community and Economic Development Department**

West:

- **Seattle's** 8 BIAs (Business Improvement Areas): the city's **Office of Economic Development**
- **San Francisco's** 11 BIDs: the city's **Office of Economic and Workforce Development**
- **San Diego's** 18 BIDs: city's **Economic Development Division**
- **Long Beach's** 8 BIDs: city's **Economic Development Team**
- **Santa Monica's** 7 BIDs: city's **Department of Housing & Economic Development**

Other models:

There are a few cities across the country where BID oversight seems to rest with a "tax and permit" type division, or with a "planning" or "community development" division - or occasionally a "commission" rather than a department, but these are the exceptions, and seem mainly to occur in much smaller cities that don't have an economic development or business services department.