



**Legislative Department
Seattle City Council
Memorandum**

Date: April 29, 2013
 To: Government Performance and Finance (GP&F) Committee
 From: Martha Lester, City Council Central Staff
 Subject: **MID Renewal – C.B. 117736 – For May 1 GP&F Committee Meeting**

As you know, there is an existing Parking and Business Improvement Area (PBI or BIA) in downtown Seattle, known as the Metropolitan Improvement District (MID). The existing MID was established in 2004 and will expire in summer 2014.

MID representatives requested that the City renew the MID a year early, in 2013. They also requested that the boundary be expanded to include Belltown, and to include several additional blocks in the Pioneer Square area. MID representatives submitted petitions to the City signed by the operators of business property, multi-family residential property (buildings containing four or more residential units), and mixed-use property (multi-family residential and commercial) that represent over 60% of the MID assessments.

At its March 20 meeting, the Government Performance and Finance (GP&F) Committee held an initial briefing on a proposed new MID. The committee discussed and approved Resolutions 31436, 31437, and 31438 to start the process and set the date for the public hearing.

C.B. 117736 would establish the new, 10-year MID, with an expanded boundary as proposed, and is currently before the Government Performance and Finance (GP&F) Committee. The GP&F Committee held a public hearing on C.B. 117736 on April 16, and discussed this issue at its regular meeting on April 17.

At the April 17 committee meeting, you asked several questions and identified areas in which you wanted to consider potential amendments to the C.B. This memo provides answers and potential amendments for you to consider at the GP&F Committee meeting on May 1.

If you have any questions about any of this information, please let me know.

Requested Information

Question	Attachment
What is the mix on the existing Ratepayers Advisory Board, and how does the MID incorporate input from retailers?	“MID Ratepayers Advisory Board Mix and Retail Input”
What input was received from Belltown residents and businesses and how was it reflected?	“Belltown BIA/MID Outreach – 2012”

Potential Amendments to C.B. 117736

#	Brief Description – Amendment Language Attached
1	Broaden Ratepayers Advisory Board eligibility to include street-level retailers as non-voting members.
2	State that City Council has authority under state law to modify the boundary of a BIA.
3	Attach current MID Business Plan (with exact services to be decided by the Program Manager).
4	Request performance audit.