

January 21, 2022

TO:

Economic and Community Development Committee

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 21-0162 introduced by Councilwoman Porter.

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Brooklyn-Curtis Bay to extend the time the Urban Renewal Plan for Brooklyn-Curtis Bay may remain in full force and effect; amend the Urban Renewal Plan to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area and to extend the life of the Plan; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and provide for a special effective date.

The Urban Renewal Plan for Brooklyn-Curtis Bay was established by Ordinance 84-077 and was last amended by Ordinance 11-568. This Urban Renewal Plan includes the business areas of Brooklyn and Curtis Bay, and must have the expiration date of the Urban Renewal Plan extended to be in full force and effect. City Council Bill 21-0162 would extend the expiration date to December 5, 2022, and reauthorizes acquisition of properties located within the project area.

The Planning Commission considered this legislation at their October 28, 2021 public meeting, voting to approve the bill with an amendment to change the expiration date to December 5, 2023. This proposed amendment was based on community discussions to make additional changes to the Urban Renewal Plan. Based on these community plans, the Planning Commission agreed that extending the expiration date for an additional year would allow for those changes to take place.

The Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 21-0162 as proposed to be amended by the Planning Commission.

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