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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 14-0408		

DATE: July 17, 2014

TO
 The Honorable President and Members
 of the Baltimore City Council
 c/o Karen Randle
 Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 14-0408 introduced by Council President Young at the request of the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Fells Point Waterfront to change the location for the promenade that is to provide public access for Disposition Lot 22; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

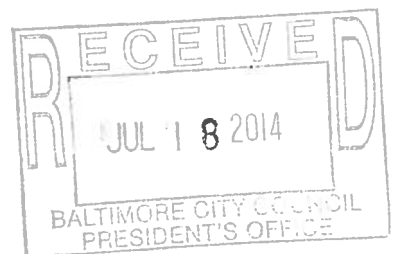
Ordinance 07-569 established the Urban Renewal Plan for Fells Point Waterfront. The Urban Renewal Area is a mix of commercial and residential and is generally bounded by Dock Street, Caroline Street, Thames Street, Wolfe Street, Aliceanna Street, Chester Street, and the Harbor.

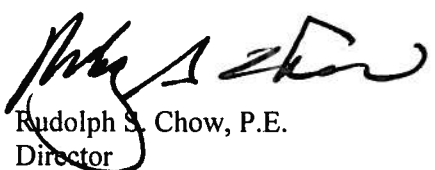
Council Bill 14-0408, if approved, would amend the Urban Renewal Plan to change the location of the publicly accessible promenade for Disposition Lot 22 (the Recreation Pier Building). The Plan currently requires the public promenade to be located to the open space on the south end of the pier. The amendment would move the required location of the public promenade to the northern boundary of the site. This bill would also make Disposition Lot 22 exempt from Appendix A of the Urban Renewal Plan, which provides for Waterfront Area Controls.

The Recreation Pier is a historic commercial pier, built in 1914. A developer, 1715 Thames Street, LLC, has plans to redevelop the site into a hotel which may include a restaurant, a pool, and parking. Based on recommendations from the Maryland Historical Trust, the City worked with the developer to create a plan for the promenade that would work for the site and the proposed project. This plan calls for the public promenade to run along Thames Street between South Broadway and South Ann Street.

A review of the City's utility records shows that no utilities or other interests would be impacted by the passage of this amendment.

The Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 14-0408.



Sincerely,

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