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PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: September 27, 2016

Re: **City Council Bill 16-0648 - Street Encroachment – 1 West North Avenue (Parkway Theatre)**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0648, for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the construction and maintenance of a portion of a building that will project into the public right-of-way of North Charles Street on the east side of the property known as 1 West North Avenue; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill would support the redevelopment of the Parkway Theatre, a designated Baltimore City Landmark, to facilitate its re-use as a modernized arts and entertainment center. The proposed redevelopment includes a 3-screen movie theatre and the proposed encroachment is needed to allow adequate interior space to meet all the required building codes.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 16-0648.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Colin Tarbert, *Deputy Mayor*

