



MEMORANDUM

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Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: January 22, 2014

Re: **City Council Bill 13-0253 – Zoning – Conditional Use Conversion of a 1-Family Dwelling Unit to a 2-Family Dwelling Unit in the R-8 Zoning District – 229 North Collington Avenue**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0253, which was introduced for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a 1-family dwelling unit to a 2-family dwelling unit in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 229 Collington Avenue (Block 1688, Lots 13 and 75).

HCD supports the Department of Planning's suggested amendments to consolidate lots 13 and 73 in Block 1688 and to change '2-family' to '3-family'. The passage of this bill, with the proposed amendments from the Department of Planning, would permit the consolidation and renovation of two existing buildings for adaptive reuse in an area that has had significant investment and redevelopment in the housing market.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption, with the Department of Planning's proposed amendments, of City Council Bill 13-0253.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliopé Parthemos, *Deputy Chief*

