



## BALTIMORE HOUSING

STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE  
Mayor

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: May 8, 2015

Re: **City Council Bill 15-0505 – Rezoning – 5601 Eastern Avenue**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0505, for the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 5601 Eastern Avenue from the M-3 Zoning District to the B-2-3 Zoning District.

If enacted, this bill would allow the property at 5601 Eastern Avenue to be rezoned from M-3 to B-2-3 to support the development of mixed-use residential, retail and hotel development on the 20-acre site. The current M-3 zoning does not allow for commercial or residential development and the proposed B-2-3 zoning would be an expansion of the B-2-3 zoning district that currently exists to the east of the site. There is a companion bill, City Council Bill 15-0506, requesting the establishment of a Business Planned Unit Development for the property at 5601 Eastern Avenue, which would provide for a comprehensive approach to the development of the site. The proposed project would develop a vacant stretch of Eastern Avenue and provide new amenities for job creation and economic growth to attract and retain residents and support a thriving and vibrant community.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 15-0505.

PTG:sd

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

No obj.

