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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 10-0614 introduced by Council Members Stokes and Branch on behalf of Forest City-New East Baltimore Partnership.

The purpose of the Bill is to approve certain amendments to the Development Plan of the New East Baltimore Community Planned Unit Development.

Ordinance 05-160 established the New East Baltimore Community Planned Unit Development (PUD) and approved the Development Plan. The area is bounded by East Chase Street, East Madison Street, Washington Street and Broadway. The PUD is located within the biotechnological and residential redevelopment project for portions of East Baltimore near Johns Hopkins Hospital.

City Council Bill 10-0614, if approved, would amend the Development Plan to allow for the construction of two larger parking garages, rather than the three smaller garages originally envisioned for the area. One garage will replace a planned smaller garage and office building at Ashland Avenue and Washington Street and will have retail space located on the ground level of the structure. The building height would be adjusted to 95 feet instead of the planned 65 feet and 140 feet. The amendment would also allow for the construction of a new Life Sciences building to house the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene at the northwest corner of Ashland and Rutland Avenues.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 10-0614.

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