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SUBJECT  
CITY COUNCIL BILL 18-0247

CITY of  
BALTIMORE  
**MEMO**



DATE: May 30, 2018

TO

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin  
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 18-0247, introduced by the Council President at the request of the Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development).

The purpose of this bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area, to extend the life of the Plan, and to remove certain properties from the lists in Appendices A and B; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and provide for a special effective date.

The Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square was established by Ordinance 77-357 and last amended by Ordinance 14-295.

If approved, City Council Bill 18-0247 would amend the Urban Renewal Plan to reauthorize the Plan's powers of acquisition and condemnation for an additional four years (until December 31, 2022), so that these actions may legally continue in compliance with § 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. In addition, the Bill would delete certain properties from the lists in Appendices A and B of the Plan.

The Department of Public Works has no objection to City Council Bill 18-0247.

Sincerely,



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Director

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