



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawya Austin, *Executive Secretary*

FROM: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

DATE: July 14, 2014

RE: **City Council Bill 14-0381- Zoning – Conditional Use Conversion of a 2-Family Dwelling Unit to a 3-Family Dwelling Unit in the R-8 Zoning District – Variance – 1327 West Lombard Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0381, for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a 2-family dwelling unit to a 3-family dwelling unit in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 1327 West Lombard Street and granting a variance from an off-street parking requirement.

If this bill is enacted, it would allow for the renovation of an existing blighted structure from a two-family dwelling unit to a three-family dwelling unit. The adaptive reuse of a structure dating back to 1880 will preserve part of Baltimore's historic architectural fabric while offering more affordable housing alternatives to person living within the Southwest Baltimore area.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 14-0381.

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

