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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: December 31, 2014

Re: **City Council Bill 14-0449 - Urban Renewal – Coldspring
Neighborhood Development Program –Amendment**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0449, for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Coldspring Neighborhood Development Program to delete an existing land use and to add a new land use to the Plan, to establish design standards for the new land use, to remove certain language from a development objective, to delete the acquisition and clearance provisions from the Plan, and to delete a certain exhibit from the Plan; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

If this bill is enacted, it would amend the Coldspring Neighborhood Development Urban Renewal plan to add a new land use and create design standards to support Transit-Oriented Development. The Light Rail station at Cold Spring Lane is located at the southwest corner of the W. Cold Spring Lane overpass to the Jones Falls Expressway. The Urban Renewal Plan encompasses the Woodberry and Coldspring neighborhoods South of W. Northern Parkway, west of Jones Falls Expressway, north of Druid Hill Park and east of Greenspring Avenue. The area includes the Loyola Athletic Fields, Northern District Police Station, Cylburn Arboretum and Sinai Hospital.

This bill is a companion bill to 14-0456, a rezoning bill which proposes a change from M-1-1 to B-2-3 for properties on West Cold Spring Lane to support Transit-Oriented Development.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 14-0449.

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

