



BALTIMORE HOUSING

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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: April 25, 2016

Re: **City Council Bill 16-0638 – Urban Renewal – Hilton North Business Area - Amendment**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0638, for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Hilton North Business Area to amend Exhibit 4 of the Plan to reflect the change in zoning, upon approval by separate ordinance, for the properties known as 3000-3052 West North Avenue; 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 enacted, this companion bill to CC bill 16-0637, would support the revitalization of a section of the North Avenue Corridor by allowing for higher density to accommodate the development of a multi-family four story apartment building with retail space in the Walbrook Neighborhood. The new development, North Avenue Gateway II will be across the street from North Avenue Gateway I, which was completed in 2013 and consist of two affordable residential buildings.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 16-0638.

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

