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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 15-0483

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TO

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

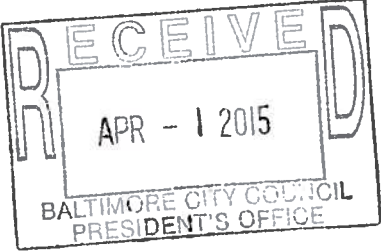
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 15-0483 introduced by Councilman Stokes at the request of the Greater Baltimore Medical Center, Inc.

The purpose of the Bill is to approve an amendment to the Development Plan of the New Lafayette Courts Planned Unit Development.

Ordinance 95-488 approved the application of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) to have the properties known as Lafayette Courts, consisting of about 21.5 acres, designated as a Residential Planned Unit Development (PUD) and approved the Development Plan submitted by HABC. This PUD is a residential mixed-use redevelopment of a former public housing site. Most of the area is a residential area known as Pleasant View Gardens which consists of two-story single-family homes and one four-story multiple-family dwelling for elderly residents.

City Council Bill 15-0483, if approved, would amend the Development Plan to include elementary and secondary schools as a permitted use. This amendment would enable the proposal to convert a vacant building located at 1200 E. Fayette Street into a charter school. This building, which has been vacant for approximately four years, is an improved two-story medical and clinical office building consisting of 30,000 square feet. It is the understanding of this Department that the Department of General Services is proposing a plan to relocate an existing City health center into this building. Either of these uses would be an enhancement to the community and would put the building back into a productive use.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 15-0483.



Sincerely,

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