




CITY OF BALTIMORE  
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<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner 
<b>DATE</b>	October 15, 2024
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>24-0583 The 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of Baltimore</b>

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400

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## Introduction

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 24-0583 the 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of Baltimore for the purpose of reviewing, revising, and adopting the 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of Baltimore; and providing for a special effective date.

## DHCD Analysis

If enacted, City Council Bill 24-0583 would adopt the 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan which is intended to guide equitable neighborhood development over the next 10 years and beyond. The focus of the plan is to advance policies that support current residents and make Baltimore an inviting place to live.

DHCD worked collaboratively with the Department of Planning in the development of the Comprehensive Plan which builds on and connects existing plans from across City agencies. During the development of the plan consideration was given to DHCD's existing plans and activities, including our Community Development Framework, Middle Neighborhoods Strategy, along with our work in Impact Investment Areas and other Major Redevelopment Areas throughout the City.

This plan builds on activities already underway within DHCD to invest in ALL neighborhoods, which requires diverse strategies for community development and investments, such as programs for residents, stabilization and demolition, preserving and creating affordable housing, providing incentives and grants and routine code enforcement.

Although the plan is called a Comprehensive Plan, it is not all encompassing. DHCD is in the process of developing the city's first-ever Comprehensive Housing Plan which aims to outline a long-term city-wide vision for Baltimore's housing policy and provide an overarching road map to ensure that the various programs and policy plans from different agencies are executed cohesively.

As this is a City-wide plan, some of the properties fall within DHCD's Streamlined Code Enforcement Areas, Community Development Zones, Impact Investment Areas and areas of Major Redevelopment. We look forward to working in conjunction with the Department of Planning and across agencies to advance work in these areas and City-wide. DHCD does not anticipate an operational or fiscal impact from the passage of this Bill. The adoption of the 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan, along with policies, analyses, and strategic decisions to follow, may help to address systemic and historical inequities across the city and guide equitable development.

## Conclusion

DHCD respectfully requests a **favorable** report on City Council Bill 24-0583.