



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner



Date: January 19, 2022

Re: City Council Bill 21-0162 Urban Renewal - Brooklyn-Curtis Bay - Amendment ___

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0162 for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Brooklyn-Curtis Bay to extend the time the Urban Renewal Plan for Brooklyn-Curtis Bay remains in full force and effect; amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Brooklyn-Curtis Bay to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area and to extend the life of 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 enacted, Council Bill 21-0162 would extend the Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Urban Renewal Plan (URP) to allow the community additional time to consider and submit amendments to the current plan. At its regular meeting of October 28, 2021, the Planning Commission concurred with the recommendations of its planning staff and recommended that Bill 21-0162 be amended and approved by the City Council. The Planning Commission recommended an amendment that would provide for a two-year extension to December 5, 2023, as opposed to a one-year extension to December 5, 2022 as presently proposed in the Bill.

Staff noted in their report that by granting this extension the community may enjoy the protections and provisions of the existing Urban Renewal Plan while allowing time for the community to propose, review, and submit amendments that may address the current needs and desires of the surrounding communities of Brooklyn and Curtis Bay

DHCD **supports** the passage of City Council Bill 21-0162.

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cc: Ms. Nina Themelis, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*

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