

## MEMORANDUM

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To:

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From

Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date:

March 15, 2013

Re:

City Council Bill 12-0166 – Zoning – Conditional Use Conversion of a 1-Family Dwelling Unit to a 2-Family Dwelling Unit in the R-8 Zoning District – 400 East Cross Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0166, which was introduced for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a 1-family dwelling unit to a 2-family dwelling unit in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 400 East Cross Street, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

This bill, if enacted, would permit as a conditional use the conversion of the property known as 400 East Cross Street from a 1-family dwelling unit to a 2-family dwelling unit. The subject property is located in an R-8 Zoning District and within the Federal Hill National Register Historic District, and a conditional use ordinance would be the appropriate vehicle by which to authorize this conversion. Additionally, HCD has reviewed certain amendments to this bill that were recommended by the Department of Planning; HCD has no objection to their adoption.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 12-0166, provided the amendments offered by the Department of Planning are adopted.

PTG:nb

cc:

Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office of Government Relations

Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, Deputy Mayor

