



# MEMORANDUM

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RAWLINGS-BLAKE,  
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,  
Executive Director, HABC  
Commissioner, HCD

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: October 20, 2011

Re: **City Council Bill 11-0718 - Urban Renewal - Middle East - Amendment**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0718, which was introduced for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East to add a new land use category to the permitted land uses in the Plan and to revise Exhibits 1 and 4 to reflect the change in zoning, upon approval by separate ordinance, for 403-435 North Washington Street; 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.

This bill would amend the Middle East Urban Renewal Plan (URP) in several aspects. Among other things, this bill would add an additional land use category to the URP, "Office-Residential (O-R)," not presently permitted (only Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Public, and Institutional are currently permitted in the URP). A companion piece of legislation, City Council Bill 11-0719, would rezone certain properties on the odd side of the 400 block of North Washington Street into this permitted O-R designation, all of which are located one block to the east of the Johns Hopkins Medical Campus' new Adult and Children's Urgent Care Hospital twelve-story tower.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 11-0718.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*

