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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 18-0292		

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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 18-0292 introduced by Council Member Costello.

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Market Center to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area and to extend the life of the Plan; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; and provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances.

Ordinance 77-579 established the Urban Renewal Plan for Market Center and was last amended by Ordinance 16-553. The Plan covers an area that is generally bounded by Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to the west; Pratt Street and Lombard Street to the south; Paca Street, Hopkins Place, Liberty Street and Cathedral Street to the east; and Monument Street, Madison Street and Franklin Street to the north. The zoning is a mix of industrial, commercial, office and some residential. The University of Maryland Medical Center, the Baltimore Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Lexington Market, and the Baltimore Arena are all located within the boundaries of the Urban Renewal Plan.

City Council Bill 18-0292, if approved, would reauthorize the term of the Plan and its powers of acquisition and condemnation for an additional four years (until December 31, 2022) so that these actions may legally continue in compliance with § 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

The Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 18-0292.


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