



MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

DATE: July 14, 2014

RE: **City Council Bill 14-0378 - Zoning – Conditional Use – Amending Ordinance 13-0176**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0378, for the purpose of amending Ordinance 13-0176 to amend the site plan attached to and made part of that Ordinance, which permitted the establishment, maintenance, and operation of housing for the elderly on the property known as 1600 North Chester Street (Block 1469, Lots 11-22, 24-31A, and 67-75); permitting modification of the site plan by approval of the Planning Commission; and modifying the variance granted by Ordinance 13-0176 for a certain yard setback requirement.

If this bill is enacted, it would approve the requested rear yard setback requirement of 29 feet to permit the development of a 5-story, 57 unit senior housing building at 1600 N. Chester Street. Since the original approval, several alleys, which constrained the site layout, have been closed.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 14-0378.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Colin Tarbert, *Deputy Mayor*

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