



BALTIMORE CITY
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner

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Date: June 25, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0373 - Urban Renewal – Canton Industrial Area – Amendment**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0373, for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Canton Industrial Area to revise the boundary area of the Plan to remove a certain property and to revise certain exhibits to reflect the change; 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, this bill would remove 1200 South Haven Street from Project area of the Urban Renewal Plan for Canton Industrial Area. The current owners of the property plan to redevelop the site with a mix of hotel, office, residential, and commercial uses.

DHCD agrees with the Planning Commission and Planning Department staff and supports the passage of City Council Bill 19-0373.

MB:rfp

cc: Mr. Jeffrey Amoros, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*