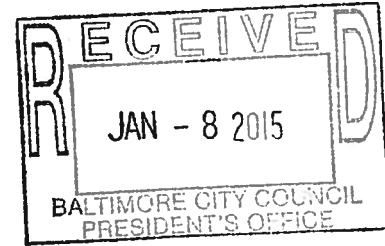




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MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: January 2, 2015

Re: **City Council Bill 14-0454 - Urban Renewal – Inner Harbor Project I
Amendment**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0454, for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Inner Harbor Project I to delete a building requirement for a certain development area, to delete in its entirety a certain development area from the Plan, and to amend certain exhibits to the Plan to reflect the deletion of that development area; 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 this bill is enacted, it would amend the Inner Harbor Project 1 Urban Renewal Plan (URP) to support proposed mixed-use and residential development for properties located at 414 Light Street, 611 South Charles Street, and 300 East Pratt Street. The URP was created in 1967 and was last amended in 2013. The proposed development area of the URP includes parcels surrounding the Inner Harbor, extending from the Ritz-Carlton Residences on Key Highway, west to Light Street, north to Pratt Street, and east to Gay Street. The amendments would remove parking restrictions at or above grade, remove a 65 feet height limit and change land use designations for 414 Light Street and 300 East Pratt street from Commercial to Commercial Residential to allow for homes and hotel land uses.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 14-0454.

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

