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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 11-0645</b>		

**TO** DATE: March 31, 2011

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 11-0645 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development).

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area and to correct and clarify certain language; to 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.

The Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square was originally approved by Ordinance 77-357 and was last amended by Ordinance 02-456. This urban renewal area is primarily residential and includes some housing that was rehabilitated through the Nehemiah program.

The Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, § 12-105.1, requires that existing State or local condemnation authority as of July 1, 2011 be reauthorized. Therefore, City Council Bill 11-0645, if approved, would extend the acquisition and condemnation authority existing under this Urban Renewal ordinance through and including December 31, 2014.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 11-0645.

  
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