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M	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 11-0755

CITY of BALTIMORE

MEMO



TO

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

September 21, 2011

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill #11-0755.

The purpose of the bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Business Area to modify a Plan objective, amend and clarify certain land uses and delete a use category, delete from the Plan certain regulations, controls, and restrictions on land acquired by the City, modify certain standards for the development of new buildings in non-industrially zoned areas, delete standards for mixed use development in the Plan, delete a certain obligation of a Developer, amend certain Exhibits to the Plan to reflect the changes to the Plan, modify the duration of the Plan, add additional names of the community organizations to whom the Department must submit significant development proposals for review and comment, change the name of the Panel that the Department of Planning uses to review developers' projects, and conform certain language; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and provide for a special effective date.

Since the Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Business Area Urban Renewal Plan (URP) was last amended in 2006, Brooklyn received Main Street designation. This legislation would further amend the URP to prohibit certain uses which would jeopardize the unique character of a designated Main Street. The legislation would also require active first floor uses that serve the public with regular business hours in all community business areas. Additionally, the bill expands notification requirements for major development projects to additional community organizations. The Department of Transportation has no objections to these changes to the URP and this bill.

Respectfully,

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