

MEMORANDUM

STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE,

To:

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date:

October 4, 2011

Re:

City Council Bill 11-0769 - Zoning - Conditional Use Housing for the Elderly - Variance -

3617 Fords Lane

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0769, which was introduced for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of housing for the elderly on the property known as 3617 Fords Lane, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting a variance from certain setback requirements.

This bill would allow the applicant, Comprehensive Housing Assistance Inc. (CHAI) to subdivide the subject property into two lots in order to: (1) construct a four-story building (to be known as "Manor South) with 90 units of housing for the elderly; and (2) create a lot for an existing 600-student school. To accomplish these ends, CHAI has agreed to purchase the property site and subdivide the property into two lots, one for the school and the other for the Manor South project.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 11-0769.

PTG:nb

cc:

Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office of Government Relations

Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, Deputy Mayor

