

Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: March 5, 2008

Re: City Council Bill 08-0024 Rezoning - 1501, 1601, 1629, 1633, and 1645

Warner Street; 2110 and 2119 Haines Street; 1501, 1525, and 1551 Russell Street; 2102 Oler Street; and 2104 Worcester Street from the M-2-

3 Zoning District to the B-2-3 Zoning District; and changing the zoning for the properties known as Block 840, Lots 14 and 15, and Block 844A,

Lots 5A, 6, 7, and 8/9

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0024, which was introduced for the purpose of changing the zoning for the properties known as 1501, 1601, 1629, 1633, and 1645 Warner Street; 2110 and 2119 Haines Street; 1501, 1525, and 1551 Russell Street; 2102 Oler Street; and 2104 Worcester Street from the M-2-3 Zoning District to the B-2-3 Zoning District; and changing the zoning for the properties known as Block 840, Lots 14 and 15, and Block 844A, Lots 5A, 6, 7, and 8/9 from the M-2-3 Zoning District to the OS Zoning District.

City Council Bills 08-0023, 08-0024, and 08-0025 were introduced in conjunction to facilitate the redevelopment of the Gateway South area as a sports themed mixed use development that will include office and retail space. Potential development plans for Gateway South include a 90,000-square-foot sports complex with indoor and outdoor playing fields. Council Bill 08-0023 amends the Carroll Camden Urban Renewal Plan to allow the additional commercial uses, Council Bill 08-0024 rezones the industrially zoned properties listed above to B-2-3, and City Council Bill 08-0025 creates the Gateway South Planned Unit Development.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0024.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson Mr. Demaune Millard



