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TO

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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
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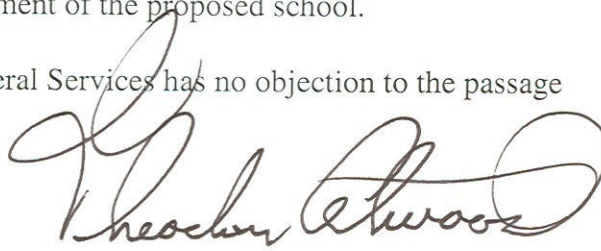
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 10-0624 introduced by the Council Member Stokes on behalf of Popham Properties, LLC.

The purpose of the Bill is to approve certain amendments to the Development Plan of the Greenmount West – Arts and Entertainment District Planned Unit Development.

Ordinance 03-533 approved the application of Charles A. Lankford, Guilford Avenue LLC, Industrial Roll Co., Lewis Industries Inc., A&G LLC, 3 Square Feet LLC, Venture Vending, Inc., and Venture Amusement Co. Inc., owners of certain properties located at 1501-1517, 1601, and 1611 Guilford Avenue, 325/35, 401/03, 405/13, 415/17, and 419/33 East Oliver Street, and 1418 and 1446 Belvidere Street, to be designated an Office-Residential Planned Unit Development (PUD) and approved the Development Plan for the Greenmount West – Arts and Entertainment District. The PUD is located within the Greenmount West Urban Renewal Area. The concept for the PUD is to use buildings that are zoned industrial for office, residential, and commercial uses, with an emphasis on artists' studios.

City Council Bill 10-0624, if approved, would extend the boundaries of the PUD to include the property known as 1500 Barclay Street. This property is a former and now vacant factory building. It was formerly occupied by the Lebow Clothing business. Seawall Development would like to renovate the building and convert it into a public school devoted to design, fashion and related arts. The Bill would add to the list of allowable uses elementary and secondary schools, and would grant a variance of the off-street parking requirements within the PUD to provide a minimum of 33 off-street spaces at the 1500 Barclay Street property. These amendments would allow for the development of the proposed school.

Based on these findings, the Department of General Services has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 10-0624.



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Director

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