

The Baltimore City Department of
**HOUSING & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner *MB*

Date: November 2, 2018

Re: **City Council Bill 18-0292, Amending Market Center Urban Renewal Plan**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0292, for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Market Center to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area and to extend the life of the Plan; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill will allow the City to continue to use its acquisition and disposition authorities to assemble redevelopment parcels and apply standards for development that meet the use and design objectives of the Plan.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 18-0292.

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cc: Mr. Kyron Banks, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*