



# MEMORANDUM

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RAWLINGS-BLAKE,  
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,  
Executive Director, HABC  
Commissioner, HCD

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: October 1, 2013

Re: **City Council Bill 13-0231 – Zoning – Conditional Use Housing for the Elderly – 1600 North Chester Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0231, 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 1600 North Chester Street (Block 1469, Lots 11-22, 24-31A, and 67-75), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

This bill, if enacted, would grant as a conditional use, the operation of housing for the elderly on the site of the property known as 1600 North Chester Street. The petitioners, Southern Baptist Church and The Woda Group, need this conditional use to be granted to move forward with their project, which is to build 57 units of housing for senior citizens. The site is zoned R-7 and B-3-2 and is located within the boundaries of the Broadway East Urban Renewal Plan (URP). It is the understanding of HCD that this legislation is needed for the project to move forward.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 13-0231.

PTG:nb

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *City Council Liaison, Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Chief, Economic Development*

