



**BALTIMORE
HOUSING**

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PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
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: June 29, 2009

Re: **City Council Bill 09-0317 Urban Renewal - Greenmount West -
Amendment _**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0317, which was introduced for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Greenmount West to amend certain exhibits to reflect the change of zoning, upon approval by separate ordinance, for the property known as 1500 Greenmount Avenue.

The site is presently a vacant lot but had formerly been occupied by a building that was used by the Department of Social Services. The passage of City Council Bill 09-0314, and its companion rezoning bill 09-0318, will facilitate the construction of a 69 unit apartment building on the corner of Oliver and Greenmount and eight new town houses fronting on Oliver Street. In order to meet timelines for funding requirements related to low income tax credits, it is imperative that this legislation be considered by the City Council at this time. In addition to low income affordable units, the apartment building will also accommodate eleven units for non-elderly disabled residents. A 36 space off street parking lot will be provided for tenants.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 09-0317 and defers to the report of the Planning Commission for further comment.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
Ms. Diane Hutchins
Mr. Andrew Frank

