



BALTIMORE CITY
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner

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Date: August 8, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0368: Rezoning – 1141 Poplar Grove Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0368, for the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 1141 Poplar Grove Street (Block 2388, Lot 033H), from the R-6 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District.

Without changing the zoning of this property from R-6 to C-1, the property will be subject to the requirement in the 2017 Zoning Code for nonconforming retail goods establishments to stop selling liquor. In its staff report, the Department of Planning noted that the structure is attached to two-story rowhomes and entirely surrounded by residential development for which the R-6 zoning category is appropriate. The Planning Commission concurred with its Departmental staff and recommended disapproval.

DHCD agrees with the Planning Commission and opposes the passage of City Council Bill 19-0368.

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Cc: Mr. Jeffrey Amoros, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Nicholas Blendy, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Eric Tiso, *Department of Planning*