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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
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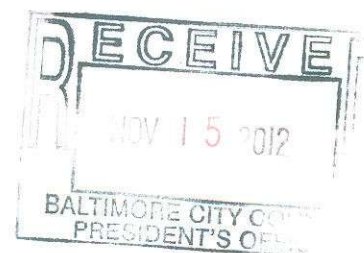
Re: City Council Bill 12-0147 – Urban Renewal – Canton/95 - Amendment

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0147 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill amends the Urban Renewal Plan for Canton/95 by amending Exhibit 1 (“Land Use Plan”) and Exhibit 4 (“Zoning Districts”) to reflect a change in the zoning and use category being proposed by Council Bill 12-0080 for the property known as 3224-3226 Washington Boulevard. The bill waives certain content and procedural requirements; makes the provisions of this Ordinance severable; provides for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and provides for a special effective date.

The Law Department notes that the proposed changes to the Urban Renewal Plan is contingent on the passage of Council Bill 12-0080, which seeks to rezone the above property from the M-2-1 Zoning District to the B-2-4 Zoning District. The Law Department also notes that the Report from the Planning Commission on Council Bill 12-0080 recommends that Council Bill 12-0080 be amended to rezone the property not from the M-2-1 Zoning District to B-2-4, but to the B-2-1 Zoning District. If Council Bill 12-0080 is amended in accordance with the recommendation, Page 2, line 8 of Council Bill 12-0147 would need to be amended. It now provides that the property known as 3224-3226 Washington Boulevard is being rezoned from M-2-1 to B-2-4. Instead, it would be rezoned to the B-2-1 Zoning District.

Section 2-6(g)(1) of Article 13 of the City Code requires that any change to an Urban Renewal Plan be made by ordinance. Assuming Council Bill 12-0147 is amended if Council Bill 12-0080 is amended as discussed above, the Law Department will approve City Council Bill 12-0147 for form and legal sufficiency.



Very truly yours,



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