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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 14-0384</b>		

**TO** DATE: June 10, 2014

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
Room 400 – City Hall

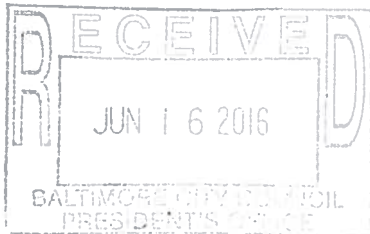
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 14-0384 introduced by Council President Young at the request of the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area and remove certain properties from the list in Appendix D; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and provide for a special effective date.

Ordinance 79-1202 established the Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East and was last amended by Ordinance 11-563. This Urban Renewal Area is part of the overall plan for portions of East Baltimore near Johns Hopkins Hospital for the biotechnical and residential redevelopment project. The area is roughly bounded by North Broadway, North Patterson Park Avenue, East Madison Street, and the Amtrak rail tracks. Ordinance 11-563 corrected, clarified, and conformed certain provisions concerning 20 nonconforming uses and noncomplying structures.

City Council Bill 14-0384, if approved, would reauthorize the Plan's powers of acquisition and condemnation so that these actions may legally continue in compliance with §12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and would remove certain properties from the list in Appendix D.

The Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 14-0384.



Sincerely,

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Director

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