



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, *Executive Secretary*

FROM: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

DATE: October 15, 2014

RE: **City Council Bill 14-0424 – Urban Renewal – Market Center -
Amendment**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0424, for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Market Center to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area, to clarify and correct certain language, to amend Appendix B to add a certain property, to revise an Exhibit Sheet to reflect a change in the Plan, and to extend the life of the Plan; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

If this bill is enacted, it would support the enhancement of the Lexington Market by adding the property at 130 North Eutaw Street to the list of properties for acquisition to assist with redevelopment plans. In addition, it would extend the date of the Urban Renewal Plan and the authority to acquire properties until December 31, 2018.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 14-0424.

PTG:sd

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Colin Tarbert, *Deputy Mayor*

