



MEMORANDUM

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RAWLINGS-BLAKE,
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HARC,
Commissioner, HCD

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: August 22, 2013

Re: **City Council Bill 13-0245 – Rezoning – 2038 Eastern Avenue**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0245, which was introduced for the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 2038 Eastern Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-8 Zoning District to the O-R-3 Zoning District.

This bill, if enacted, would change the zoning for the property known as 2038 Eastern Avenue from the R-8 Residential use to the O-R-3 Office Residential use. It is the understanding of HCD that the petitioner, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Inc. who recently acquired the property, intends to use the subject property as office space in support of the adjacent high school building it currently operates, but does not own (which prohibits a lot consolidation as a solution). The Department of Housing and Community Development has also read the staff bill report by the Department of Planning and its amendment to rezone this property with alternative Zoning District designation of B-1-2.

The Department of Housing and Community Development respectfully defers its position on City Council Bill 13-0245 to the Department of Planning.

PTG:nb

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *City Council Liaison, Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Chief, Economic Development*

