



BALTIMORE CITY
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner

Date: December 27, 2018

Re: **City Council Bill 18-0290, Zoning – Conditional Use Residential Care Facility – Variances – 1208, 1210-1222, and 1224-1226 East Baltimore Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0290, for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a residential care facility on the properties known as 1208, 1210-1222, and 1224-1226 East Baltimore Street and granting variances from certain bulk and yard regulations for rear yard and building height and from certain off-street parking regulations.

If enacted, this bill will approve zoning variances that are necessary for the construction of a new Helping Up Mission residential care facility. The proposal is to consolidate the three lots, demolish the existing buildings, and construct a new facility. The proposed facility will provide addiction recovery and outreach services to 260 women and children experiencing homelessness, poverty and/or addiction. The required variances pertain to the rear yard setback length, maximum building height, and the number of parking spaces. A Planning Commission report issued on November 1, 2018 found that these variances will have no adverse effects on the surrounding community.

HCD supports the passage of City Council Bill 18-0290.

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cc: Mr. Kyron Banks, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*