



MEMORANDUM

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RAWLINGS-BLAKE,
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HABC
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: February 27, 2014

Re: **City Council Bill 14-0311 – Supplementary State Fund Capital Appropriation – DHCD - \$750,000**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0311 which was introduced for the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$750,000 to the Department of Housing and Community Development (Account #9910-903963-9587), to provide funding for the Park Heights Redevelopment Area for activities that include but are not limited to acquisition, relocation, and demolition; and providing for a special effective date.

In 2007, the State legislature passed the Maryland Education Trust Fund – Video Lottery Terminals legislation (2007 SB 3), which provided slots revenue funding to the City of Baltimore to support community and economic development in the Pimlico area. Of the funds that are earmarked for the Pimlico area, at least 75% must be allocated for the Park Heights Master Plan area and up to 25% for census block groups within one-mile of the Pimlico Racetrack, excluding the Park Heights Master Plan area. The Master Plan (or Redevelopment) area is defined as the area bounded by Northern Parkway, Druid Park Lake Drive, Greenspring Avenue and Wabash Avenue.

The City appropriates Slots revenue for the Pimlico area based on estimates provided by the State. In Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014 HCD appropriated \$3,000,000 each year for a total of \$6,000,000 for the Park Heights Master Plan area using revenue estimates generated by the State. The actual Slots revenue that the City received for the Park Heights area exceeded the appropriation by \$750,000. The Supplemental Appropriation is necessary to allow the City to receive and spend the additional Slots Revenue.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 14-0311.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Chief*

