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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #14-0458 / RELEASE OF EASEMENT - 414 LIGHT STREET		

**TO** The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400  
100 North Holliday Street

DATE: December 9, 2014

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill#14-0458, which is for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to release an easement pertaining to certain property known as 414 Light Street, the easement being no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

414 Light Street Associates, LLC, owns the property known as 414 Light Street. The northern portion of the property was acquired by a previous owner from the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, pursuant to a deed dated October 22, 1979, and recorded at Liber 3853, folio 042. At that time, the City reserved to itself an easement for the erection and maintenance of a screening and retaining wall on the northern edge of the property.

The current owner is in the process of designing and developing a mixed use project on the property, and the existence of the easement for the screening and retaining wall interferes with development. By releasing the easement, the City will aid and promote the development of the project on the property, which will inure to the benefit of the City.

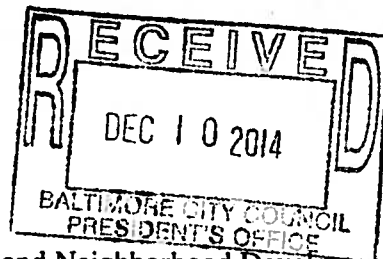
Therefore, the Department of Planning supports the purpose of City Council Bill #14-0458 as the easement is no longer needed for public use and the action is consistent with the proposed development of the 414 Light Street property, and recommends the passage of this Bill #14-0458.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-4488.

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Attachment

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