



## BALTIMORE HOUSING

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Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO  
Executive Director, HABC  
Commissioner, HCD

## MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: February 9, 2016

Re: **City Council Bill 15-0574 – Rezoning – 1430-1444 Lawrence Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0574 for the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 1430-1444 Lawrence Street from the R-8 Zoning District to the B-2-4 Zoning District.

If enacted, this bill would allow the rezoning of a vacant parcel in the Riverside Neighborhood from a Residential Zoning District to a Business Zoning District. The current site is being used as a surface parking lot and it would be difficult to develop with only residential uses. The rezoning would be consistent with the character of the neighborhood and the move towards more mixed use development.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 15-0574.

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

