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SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 18-0244





TO

May 30, 2018

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 18-0244, introduced by the Council President at the request of the Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development).

The purpose of this bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Oliver to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area, to extend the life of the Plan, and to remove certain properties from the list in Exhibit B; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and provide for a special effective date.

Ordinance 71-1067 established the Urban Renewal Plan for Oliver. The Plan was last amended by Ordinance 14-296. The Area of the Plan is generally bounded by North Avenue on the north; Ensor Street on the west; East Preston Street on the south; and North Broadway on the east.

If approved, City Council Bill 18-0244 would amend the Urban Renewal Plan to reauthorize the Plan's powers of acquisition and condemnation for an additional four years (until December 31,2022), so that these actions may legally continue in compliance with § 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Bill would also delete two properties from the list of Exhibit B, which is the list of properties to be acquired and disposed of for rehabilitation.

The Department of Public Works has no objection to City Council Bill 18-0244.

Sincerely,

Rudolph S. Chow, P.E.

Director

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