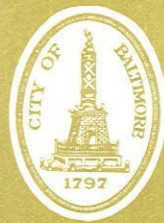


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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 09-0329</b>		

**TO**

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May 22, 2009

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

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 09-0329 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Baltimore Development Corporation).

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Carroll Camden to revise an exhibit to reflect the land use changes in the Plan; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; and provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances.


Ordinance 02-296, which replaced, updated, and expanded the boundaries of the former Camden Industrial Park Urban Renewal Plan established by Ordinance 60-410, established the current Urban Renewal Plan for Carroll Camden. It was last amended by Ordinance 08-07. The Urban Renewal Area is located southwest of Downtown Baltimore and is generally bounded by the centerline of I-95 to its intersection with the eastern pier head line of the Middle Branch of the Patapsco River (as established by the U.S. Government in 1915), the northern boundary of the Middle Branch Urban Renewal Area and I-95, Washington Boulevard and South Paca Street, and Camden Street 1. The Urban Renewal Area includes both stadia and the Carroll Camden Industrial Park areas, including the 55-acre Montgomery Park complex.

The land use plan for the Carroll Camden Urban Renewal Area provides a transition from the heavy industrial uses to a mix of high tech, light manufacturing, office, and transit oriented development. Zoning Districts are aligned to concentrate heavy industrial uses west of Bush Street and more moderate intensity and light industrial uses near residential blocks and the Middle Branch. A mixed use development area is designated between the Russell Street corridor and the Middle Branch, and between Bush and Alluvion Streets. This general area of Russell Street corridor has gas stations, a motel, some retail, and the relocated Greyhound bus station.

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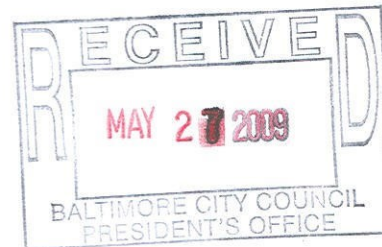
City Council Bill 09-0329, if approved, would revise the Land Use Plan in Exhibit 3 of the Plan, to change the land use identified for the property known as 301 Stockholm Street from Public to General Industrial B. Companion City Council Bill 09-0330 would allow a video lottery facility (commonly known as "slots"), along with associated food and beverage operations and live entertainment and dancing, as a permitted use in B-2 and M-2 zoning districts. A video lottery facility is defined as a facility that has been awarded a video operation license by the Maryland Video Lottery Location Commission under State Government Article, Title 9, Subtitle 1A. The location of 301 Stockholm Street meets the location requirements identified in the Maryland Constitutional Amendment ratified by the qualified voters of this State: located in a nonresidential area, within one-half mile of I-95, within one-half mile of Maryland Route 295, and on property owned by Baltimore City. The location may not be adjacent to or within one-quarter mile of an area zoned for residential use and used as a residential dwelling.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council bill 09-0329.



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