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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 09-0278		

TO DATE February 18, 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 No. 09-0278.

Urban Renewal – Reisterstown Plaza Transit Station – Renewal Area Designation and Renewal Plan

For the purpose of repealing the existing Reisterstown Plaza Urban Renewal Plan and replacing it by designating as a “Renewal Area” an area situated in Baltimore City, Maryland known as Reisterstown Plaza Transit Station, bounded generally by Northern Parkway on the south and east, Reisterstown Road on the north, and the western Baltimore City boundary line on the west; approving a Renewal Plan for Reisterstown Plaza Transit Station; establishing the objectives of the Plan; establishing permitted land uses in the Renewal Area; providing that where there may be a conflict between the provisions of the Planned Unit Development control; providing for review of all plans for new construction, exterior rehabilitation, change in use, or demolition of any property; providing that the provisions of the Zoning Code apply to the properties in the Project Area; providing for the term of the Plan; approving an Appendix and certain exhibits to the Plan; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

We fully support the development of this project as an example of how Transit Oriented Development can add value to the simple functionality of a transit stop. What might have been a nondescript transit station will, in its expanded form, become a positive community enhancement project. The area will, among other elements, have design standards that will help create a new and visually attractive neighborhood on an urban boulevard with ample green space. It will be an area that is bicycle and pedestrian friendly.

Respectfully,


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DIRECTOR

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- cc: Ms. Angela C. Gibson
- Mr. Bill Driscoll
- Mr. Jamie Kendrick
- Mr. Frank Murphy

