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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 E. FAYETTE STREET, 8 TH FLOOR		
	SUBJECT	CCB #11-0792/ALLEY-GATING AND -GREENING PROGRAM- ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE		

TO

DATE:

The Honorable President and
 Members of the City Council
 City Hall, Room 400
 100 N. Holliday Street

November 3, 2011

The Department of Planning has received City Council Bill #11-0792 for review. This legislation is “For the purpose of extending the alley-gating and -greening program to include alleys that are abutted predominantly by either or both residential and commercial structures; correcting certain administrative references to reflect the assumption of jurisdiction over the program by the Department of General Services; and correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions.”

This bill adds corrective language to update the authority agency from “Department of Public Works” to the “Department of General Services.” It also provides language that allows alleys with commercial or a combination of commercial and residential properties to petition for and request to gate and green their alleyway, an option that was previously only provided to residentially sided alleyways. The Department of Planning has no objection to this bill with the acknowledgement from DGS that after receiving 80% consent of the property owners on the alley, a public hearing will be held by DGS to make sure that the gating and greening will not provide undue hardship on a commercial property owner along the alleyway.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Anthony Cataldo of the Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-1651.

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cc:

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