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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 11-0652		

TO

DATE: March 31, 2011

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 11-0652 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development).

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area and to correct and clarify certain language; to 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.

The Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East was originally approved by Ordinance 79-1202 and was last amended by Ordinance 05-124. This urban renewal area is primarily residential with some corner commercial establishments, churches, and an elementary school. It is part of the overall plan for portions of East Baltimore near Johns Hopkins Hospital for the biotechnical and residential redevelopment project.

The Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, § 12-105.1, requires that existing State or local condemnation authority as of July 1, 2011 be reauthorized. Therefore, City Council Bill 11-0652, if approved, would extend the acquisition and condemnation authority existing under this Urban Renewal ordinance through and including December 31, 2014. The bill clarifies that the City may acquire all rights, title and interest or any private rights of use of streets or alleys that abut or are adjacent to the acquisition properties and which are shown lying within the perimeter of the disposition map.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 11-0652.


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