



MEMORANDUM

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Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCDD

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: September 20, 2010

Re: **City Council Bill 10-0494 - Urban Renewal - Annapolis Road - Renewal Area Designation and Renewal Plan**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0494, which was introduced for the purpose of designating as a "Renewal Area" an area situated in Baltimore City, Maryland known as Annapolis Road; approving a Renewal Plan for Annapolis Road; and establishing procedures for changes to the Plan.

This stretch of Annapolis Road, located between the Waterview and Annapolis Road bridges to the south and railroad tracks to the north, was once an active business corridor when waterfront industry was bustling several years ago. After many of these waterfront industrial business disappeared, the Westport Improvement Association pursued the rezoning of this portion of Annapolis Road to reflect a more residential area. As plans for the Westport redevelopment have been finalized, the community has since made a request that corridor be rezoned again to support the new project. Consequently, City Council Bills #10-0494 and #10-0493 would permit more opportunities for redevelopment of mixed uses to serve nearby residences located adjacent to this project.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 10-0494 and defers to the Planning Department for further comment or amendments.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
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Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*

