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| <b>FROM</b> | NAME & TITLE          | Alfred H. Foxx, Director                                         | CITY of<br><b>BALTIMORE</b><br><b>MEMO</b> |  |
|             | AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS | Department of Public Works<br>600 Abel Wolman Municipal Building |                                            |                                                                                     |
|             | SUBJECT               | <b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 12-0099</b>                                 |                                            |                                                                                     |

**TO**

DATE:  
August 30, 2012

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 12-0099 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Baltimore Development Corporation).

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Inner Harbor West to add a new general land use category to the Land Use Provisions in the Plan, to change the general land use category for certain Development Areas in the Renewal Plan, and to revise certain exhibits to the Plan to reflect these changes; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of the Ordinance severable; and to provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunctions with certain other ordinances.

Ordinance 71-1007 established the Urban Renewal Plan for Inner Harbor West and was last amended by Ordinance 05-132. The Urban Renewal Area is generally bounded by Lombard Street on the north; Paca Street, Washington Boulevard, Camden Street, and Sharp Street on the west; Hughes Street on the south; and Hanover Street, Lee Street, and Charles Street on the east. The intent of the Urban Renewal plan is to control the manner in which redevelopment of the Inner Harbor West Area would occur.

City Council Bill 12-0099, if approved, would add a new general use category to the permitted land uses for Development Areas 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B, and 5B to allow for commercial/public uses. The Baltimore Development Corporation is investigating the potential for street level retail spaces to be developed as one to three story additions to the existing building fronts along the north side of the Pratt Street corridor, between Paca Street and Charles Street.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 12-0099.

  
 Alfred H. Foxx  
 Director

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cc: Ms. Marcia Collins

