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Executive Director, HABC
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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

DATE: June 10, 2011

SUBJECT: **City Council Bill 11-0683 – Urban Renewal – Market Center –
Amendment 16**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0683, an ordinance for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Market Center to reauthorize the Plan's powers of acquisition and condemnation so that these actions may legally continue, in compliance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, to correct and clarify certain language, to add a new appendix to the Plan and to revise an Exhibit Sheet to reflect a change in the Plan.

City Council Bill 11-0683, if approved, would provide reauthorization through and including December 31, 2014. This will allow the Baltimore Development Corporation on behalf of the City of Baltimore time to acquire 201 W. Franklin Street with the intent of offering the property for future redevelopment.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 11-0683.

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

