



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 4, 2014

RE: **City Council Bill 14-0347 – Urban Renewal – Washington Village - Amendment**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0347, which was introduced for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Washington Village to modify the responsibilities of the Commercial District Review Panel and to amend certain exhibits to reflect the change of zoning, upon approval by separate ordinance, for the property known as 859 Washington Boulevard; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

City Council Bill 14-0347, a companion bill to City Council Bill 14-0348 (Rezoning – 859 Washington Boulevard), if approved, would amend the Washington Village Urban Renewal Plan to change the land use from Residential to Community Business and the recommended zoning from R-8 to B-2-3 for the property known as 859 Washington Boulevard. The companion bill, 14-0348, would implement the recommended rezoning of 859 Washington Boulevard to facilitate the proposed expansion plans for a local business, Charm City Swing.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 14-0347.

PTG:sd

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Colin Tarbert, *Deputy Mayor*

