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Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: September 3, 2009

Re: **City Council Bill 09-0371 - Urban Renewal - Park Heights - Amendment** _

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0371, which was introduced for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Park Heights to create a new disposition lot, to amend Appendix A to add certain properties for clearance and redevelopment, to amend Appendix B to add the new disposition lot, and to revise certain exhibits to reflect the changes in the Plan.

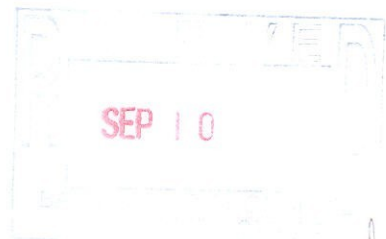
Ordinance 08-93 established a revised Park Heights Master Plan that reflected the changes adopted by the Baltimore City Planning Commission in 2006. The primary goal of this Master Plan is to create a mix of new housing types including detached, townhouse, and multi-family. Originally, the Park Heights Master Plan had intended a higher density area along Reisterstown Road, however, since the majority of the area that was to be acquired along Reisterstown Road is no longer proposed for acquisition, the higher density area shifts to Park Heights Avenue. Under the revised Master Plan, Park Heights Avenue a new park is proposed to be located at the corner of Park Heights and Garrison in close proximity to the CC Jackson Recreation Center.

City Council Bill 09-0371 would further amend the Master Plan to facilitate acquisition and disposition for eight additional properties: 4041 and 4045 Lewiston Avenue; 5330, 5341, 5343, 5345 and a portion of 5403 Reisterstown Road; and 4025 Rogers Avenue. These acquired parcels would then create a new single disposition lot that would be used in the redevelopment of the Hilltop Shopping Center located at Reisterstown Road and Rogers Avenue which includes the construction of a new Motor Vehicles Administration facility.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 09-0371 and defers to the report of the Planning Commission for further comment.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
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Mr. Andrew Frank



F. Defers to Planning

