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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 10-0442		

TO

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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 10-0442 introduced by Council Member Cole.

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Upton to allow the unenclosed display of certain merchandise on a certain land use classification in the Upton Urban Renewal Area, subject to certain conditions; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; and provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances.

Ordinance 70-794 established the Urban Renewal Plan for Upton and was last amended by Ordinance 02-480. The Upton Urban Renewal Area is generally bounded by Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Franklin Street on the south; Fremont Avenue on the west; Bloom, Division, and Laurens Streets on the north; and McCulloh Street on the east. The area includes the Pennsylvania Avenue Business District (1500 through 1800 blocks of Pennsylvania Avenue and the 500 and 600 blocks of Laurens Street) as well as the Avenue Market.

City Council Bill 10-0442, if approved, would allow for the unenclosed display of merchandise in the Pennsylvania Avenue Business District on the east side of the 1500 block of Pennsylvania Avenue and on both sides of the 1600 through 1800 blocks of Pennsylvania Avenue. These displays would be limited to between the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The proposed amendment recognizes the need for a Minor Privilege permit to display the merchandise and to preserve at least 6 feet of clear sidewalk width. The Planning Commission, in their review of this legislation, recommends replacing the amended language that specifies the blocks for display of unenclosed merchandise with new language that identifies these areas "designated as Community Business on the Land Use Map plan."

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 10-0442 as proposed to be amended by the Planning Commission.

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