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CITY COUNCIL BILL 14-0392

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The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o Karen Randle Room 400 – City Hall

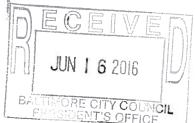
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 14-0392 introduced by Council President Young at the request of the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Broadway East to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area and to remove certain properties from the list in Appendix A; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and provide for a special effective date.

Ordinance 88-156 established the Urban Renewal Plan for Broadway East and was last amended by Ordinance 11-534. The Broadway East Urban Renewal area is primarily residential with some corner commercial establishments, churches, the Collington Square Park, and an industrial area near the railroad line. It is part of the overall plan for portions of East Baltimore near Johns Hopkins Hospital for the biotechnical and residential redevelopment project. Ordinance 11-534 clarified and conformed language in the Urban Renewal Plan to reflect the terminology that exists in the Zoning Code.

City Council Bill 14-0392, if approved, would reauthorize the Plan's powers of acquisition and condemnation so that these actions may legally continue in compliance with §12–105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and would remove certain properties from the list in Appendix A.

The Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 14-0392.



Sincerely,

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