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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 14-0385		

TO

DATE: June 10, 2014

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 14-0385 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 Johnston Square to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area and remove certain properties from the lists in Appendices A and B, and to extend the life of the Plan; 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 77-357 established the Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square and was last amended by Ordinance 11-448. This Urban Renewal Area is primarily residential. Ordinance 11-448 extended the acquisition and condemnation authority through and including December 31, 2014.

City Council Bill 14-0385, 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. In addition, the Bill would remove certain properties from the lists in Appendices A and B and would extend the life of the Plan.

The Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 14-0385.



Sincerely,

Rudolph S. Chow
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