

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner

Date: March 4, 2020

Re: City Council Bill 20-0482 Inclusionary Housing Requirements - "Sunset" Extension

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0482 for the purpose of extending the automatic termination of Ordinance 07-474 {"Inclusionary Housing"}; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the promotion of affordable residential units.

The current Inclusionary Housing program expires on June 30, 2020. If enacted, the proposed legislation will provide a two-year extension. The Department believes that additional analysis and outreach is needed prior to introducing wholesale revisions to the existing Law. DHCD is proposing to hire a consultant to review current legislation, develop draft regulations including an updated financial analysis, and make recommendations for program improvements. DHCD is committed to pursuing the two-year extension and undertaking broad-based input to build consensus around future revised legislation.

DHCD supports the passage of City Council Bill 20-0482.

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cc: Mr. Blendy, Nicholas, Mayor's Office of Government Relations