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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 14-0449		

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December 18, 2014

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
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Room 400 – City Hall

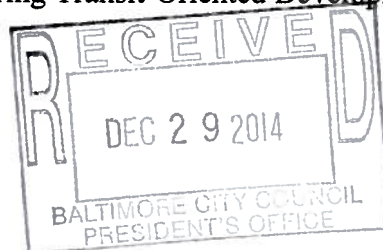
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 14-0449 introduced by Councilwoman Middleton.

The purpose of this bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Coldspring Neighborhood Development Program to delete an existing land use and to add a new land use to the Plan, to establish design standards for the new land use, to remove certain language from a development objective, to delete the acquisition and clearance provisions from the Plan, and to delete a certain exhibit from 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 73-242 established the Urban Renewal Plan for Coldspring Neighborhood Development Program and it was last amended by Ordinance 97-175. This Urban Renewal area is generally bounded by W. Northern Parkway, the Jones Falls Expressway, Greenspring Avenue, and Druid Hill Park. The area includes the Woodberry and Coldspring neighborhoods as well as the Loyola University Athletic Fields, the Northern District Police Station, Cylburn Arboretum, and Sinai Hospital. The Light Rail station at Cold Spring Lane is located at the southwest corner of the W. Cold Spring Lane overpass to the Jones Falls Expressway.

City Council Bill 14-0449, if approved, would amend the Urban Renewal Plan to add a new Transit-Oriented Development land use and establish its design standards. Six properties located west of the Light Rail station are the location of a proposed Coldspring Transit-Oriented Development site. In addition, the Bill would update the Statement of Development Objectives to include Transit-Oriented Development and to remove the unused Town Center land use. It would also remove the property acquisition section from the Urban Renewal Plan text and exhibits.

An accompanying bill, 14-0456, proposes a rezoning from M-1-1 to B-2-3 for the site of the proposed Coldspring Transit-Oriented Development.



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The Department of Planning recommends amending City Council Bill 14-0449 to create a Disposition Lot A1 and to add public utilities to the list of permitted uses. This is for the purpose of facilitating a land swap for BGE to locate on the lot. The Department of Public Works has no objection to the proposed amendment of adding public utilities as an approved use on this site.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports the passage of City Council Bill 14-0449.

Sincerely,



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Director

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