



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner

Date: October 24, 2023

Re: City Council Bill 23-0351 Rezoning - 1801 to 1807 Bloomingdale Road and 1800 to 1816 North Rosedale Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 23-0351 for the purpose of changing the zoning for the properties known as 1801 to 1807 Bloomingdale Road (Block 2427, Lots 032 to 035) and 1800 to 1816 North Rosedale Street (Block 2427, Lots 001 to 009), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-8 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District.

If enacted, City Council Bill 23-0351 would allow for the rezoning of 1801 Bloomingdale Rd to 1807 Bloomingdale Rd and 1800 N. Rosedale St – 1816 N. Rosedale St from the R-8 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District to unify the block under C-1 zoning, which may lead to the redevelopment of the southern half of this block.

At its regular meeting of July 20, 2023, the Planning Commission concurred with the recommendation of its Departmental staff and recommended the Bill be approved by the City Council. Planning staff noted in their report that the rezoning of the subject properties is in the public's interest in that it will promote redevelopment and reinvestment in the immediate area, reducing vacancy and blight.

The subject properties are not located within any of DHCD's Impact Investment Areas, Community Development Zones or Streamlined Code Enforcement Areas however DHCD has undertaken significant demolition on the 1800 block of N Rosedale and this rezoning may lead to the productive use of these lots and expand commercial redevelopment opportunities for the Northwest Community Action and Rosemont communities potentially benefiting local businesses and area residents.

DHCD **does not object** to the passage of City Council Bill 23-0351.

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