



## BALTIMORE HOUSING

SHEILA DIXON  
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO  
Executive Director, HABC  
Commissioner, HCD

# MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: June 27, 2008

Re: City Council Bill 08-0139 - Inner Harbor Project I-A - Amendment \_

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0139, which was introduced for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Inner Harbor Project I-A to amend the height restrictions for certain property within the project area.

The Inner Harbor Project 1-A Urban Renewal Plan amendments are needed to update the existing ordinance in order to meet the current needs of Milestone Capital Corp. to successfully redevelop the property known as 100 East Montgomery Street as their new corporate headquarters. Specifically, the amendments would clarify the provision for vertical expansion of properties in Section F. Regulations, Controls and Restrictions of the bill. This clarification will allow the restoration of previous historic heights that have been since removed by demolition. The bill would further clarify the allowable sign provisions in order to permit restoration of any business or identification sign to the size and location of a similar sign on the original structure, subject to departmental approval.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0139.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson  
Mr. Demaune Millard

