

MEMORANDUM

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

c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner

Date: August 24, 2018

Re: City Council Bill 18-0252 - Urban Renewal - York-Woodbourne Business Area -

Amendment

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0252, for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for York-Woodbourne Business Area to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill would authorize the URP's powers of acquisition and condemnation another 4 years, until December 31, 2022.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 18-0252.

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cc: Ms. Karen Stokes, Mayor's Office of Government Relations Mr. Kyron Banks, Mayor's Office of Government Relations