



MEMORANDUM

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RAWLINGS-BLAKE,
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, IHAB
Commissioner, HCD

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: November 8, 2012

Re: **City Council Bill 12-0098 – Urban Renewal – Inner Harbor Project I – Amendment** __

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0098, which was introduced for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Inner Harbor Project I to add a new general land use category to the Land use Provisions in the Plan, to change the land use category for certain Development Areas in the Renewal Plan, and to revise a certain exhibit to the Plan to reflect these changes; 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.

The Inner Harbor Project I Urban Renewal Plan (URP) was approved when Ordinance 67-1045 was enacted in 1967 and most recently amended in 2001 via the enactment of Ordinance 01-134. It is the understanding that City Council Bill 12-0098 was introduced as an outgrowth of the 2008 Pratt Street Concept Plan and is related to the transitioning of some of the physical features of Pratt Street to become more accommodative of pedestrian traffic. This bill, if adopted, would add a new “Commercial/Public” category to the Land Use provisions of the URP and re-designates certain areas within the boundaries of the URP—specifically, Development Areas 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 24—from a Public Use designation to a Commercial/Public Use designation. Additionally, the URP map would be updated to reflect these changes.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 12-0098.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor’s Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliopo Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*

No objection

