



BALTIMORE CITY
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner

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Date: March 21, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 18-0305, Rezoning – Certain Properties in the Harwood Community**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0305, for the purpose of changing the zoning for certain properties in the Harwood Community as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-7 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District; for certain properties as outlined in blue on the accompanying plat, from the R-8 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District; for certain properties as outlined in green on the accompanying plat, from the R-8 Zoning District to the I-MU Zoning District; and for certain properties as outlined in yellow on the accompanying plat, from the R-7 Zoning District to the I-MU Zoning District.

If enacted, this bill will represent a “comprehensive rezoning” of this portion of the Harwood community. As noted in its staff report, the Planning Department arrived at these zoning changes through careful consideration and extensive study. Their analysis found that these changes better suit present and planned future conditions in the area. On February 25th, 2019 the Planning Commission concurred with the Planning Department’s staff report and recommended approval of the bill.

DHCD agrees with the Planning Commission’s recommendation and supports the passage City Council Bill 18-0305

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cc: Mr. Jeffrey Amoros, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*