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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 11-0718		

TO

DATE: July 14, 2011

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 - City Hall


I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 11-0718 introduced by Council Member Branch.

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East to add a new land use category to the permitted land uses in the Plan and to revise Exhibits 1 and 4 to reflect the change in zoning, upon approval by separate ordinance, for 403-435 North Washington Street; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; and provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances.

Ordinance 79-1202 established the Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East and was last amended by Ordinance 11-453. This Urban Renewal Area is primarily residential with some corner commercial establishments, churches, and an elementary school. It is part of the overall plan for portions of East Baltimore near Johns Hopkins Hospital for the biotechnical and residential redevelopment project. Ordinance 11-453 extended the acquisition and condemnation authority through and including December 31, 2014.

City Council Bill 11-0718, if approved, would add Office-Residential to the categories of permitted land uses. Exhibits 1 and 4 would be revised to reflect the new Office-Residential land use and zoning, should companion legislation (City Council Bill 11-0719) be approved to change the zoning for the properties known as 403-435 North Washington Street from R-8 to O-R-2. These changes would allow for the development of a 4-story office building at 403-427 North Washington Street. This area is one block east of the Johns Hopkins Medical campus and the soon to be opened Adult and Children's Urgent Care Hospital. The office development is expected to attract businesses that will support the medical-related facilities at the Hopkins campus.

The Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 11-0718.

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