



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner

Date: March 8, 2022

Re: City Council Bill 22-0190 – Repeal of Ordinances 08-94, 08-95, and 08-96 –Westport Waterfront Development District, Westport Special Taxing District, and State Obligations Pledge

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0190. If enacted, City Council Bill 22-0190 would provide for the repeal of Ordinances 08-94 (Westport Waterfront Development District), 08- 95 (Westport Waterfront Special Taxing District), and 08-96 (State Obligations Pledge for Westport Waterfront Development) and provide for a special effective date.

At its regular meeting of February 10, 2022, the Planning Commission concurred with the recommendation of its departmental staff and recommended that the Bill be approved by the City Council. Planning staff noted in their report that this Bill is a companion piece to *City Council Bill 22-0189 - Repeal of Ordinances 07-609 and 09-139*. The purpose of these companion Bills is to repeal the previously approved Planned Unit Development and Special Taxing District associated with the formerly planned but ultimately failed redevelopment of the Westport Waterfront.

City Council Bill 22-0190 has no fiscal impact on DHCD. Repeal of the Ordinances would allow the redevelopment plan proposed by the current owner to proceed according to the underlying Zoning and development standards. The present developer is not seeking any Tax Increment Financing from the City to undertake the current redevelopment project and it appears that no bonds were ever issued by the City under the current legislation, therefore it is appropriate to repeal this legislation.

DHCD respectfully takes **no position** on Council Bill 22-0190.

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cc: Ms. Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office of Government Relations