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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 22-0200		

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TO:

Economic and Community Development Committee

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 22-0200 introduced by Council Member Costello on behalf of Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, Inc. The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for the Central Business District to revise the signage provisions; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and provide for a special effective date.

The Urban Renewal Plan for the Central Business District was established under Ordinance 01-170 and was last amended by Ordinance 06-548. City Council Bill 22-0200, if approved, would amend this Urban Renewal Plan to do the following: delete general advertising signs from the list of prohibited uses; provide for the Planning Commission to approve signage under an approved Signage Plan pursuant to §17-505 of the Zoning Code; clarify that should the provisions for signs under the Property Rehabilitation Standards of the Urban Renewal Plan conflict with the Urban Renewal Plan's approved Signage Plan, the Signage Plan prevails; and delete language pertaining to Temporary Signs under the Property Rehabilitation Standards section of the Urban Renewal Plan.

The Central Business District Urban Renewal Plan has an approved Area of Special Signage Control plan. The amending provisions contained in City Council Bill 22-0200, described above, remove from or amend the Urban Renewal Plan language that conflicts with the approved Area of Special Signage Control plan and conforms with the current Zoning Code that does not require separate approval of signs based on their duration of use. The Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 22-0200.


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