



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner

Date: August 2, 2022

Re: City Council Bill 22-0200 Urban Renewal - Central Business District - Amendment 2

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0200 for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for the Central Business District to revise the signage provisions; 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.

If enacted, Council Bill 22-0200 would amend the Central Business District (URP) to remove conflicts between the URP and the North Harbor ASSC (Area of Special Sign Control) and remove temporary signs from the URP which would bring it into compliance with the updated Zoning Code.

At its regular meeting of March 17, 2022, the Planning Commission concurred with the recommendations of its planning staff and recommended that Bill 22-0200 be approved by the City Council.

This change to the URP will not have an impact on DHCD. The Central Business District does not fall within any of DHCD's Impact Investment Areas, Major Redevelopment Areas or Community Development Zones.

DHCD **does not object** to the passage of City Council Bill 22-0200.

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