

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 22-0189 Repeal of Ordinances 07-609 and 09-139 - Westport Waterfront Planned Unit Development

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0189 for the purpose of repealing Ordinance 07-609, which designated certain properties as a Business Planned Unit Development known as Westport Waterfront; repealing Ordinance 09-139, which amended Ordinance 07-609; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, Council Bill 22-0189 and its companion pieces of legislation would repeal the previously approved Planned Unit Development and Special Taxing District associated with the unsuccessful redevelopment of the Westport Waterfront which will revert the parcels back to the TOD-4/W-2 base zoning which will enable the redevelopment scheme proposed by the current owner.

At its regular meeting of February 10, 2022, the Planning Commission concurred with the recommendations of its planning staff and recommended that Bill 22-0189 be approved by the City Council.

The Repeal of Ordinances 07-609 and 09-139 will not have an impact on DHCD. The Westport Waterfront area 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 22-0189.

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