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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 22-0283 – Urban Renewal – Poppleton - Amendment

Dear President and City Council Members:

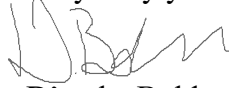
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0283 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill amends the Urban Renewal Plan for Poppleton to reauthorize the acquisition of properties, to extend the life of the Plan, and to remove certain properties listed in Appendices A and C. These Appendices pertain to the acquisition and disposition of properties for rehabilitation as well as for clearance and redevelopment. The bill has an immediate effective date once enacted.

The Baltimore City Code requires that any change to an Urban Renewal Plan like those proposed here be made by Ordinance. *See* City Code Art.13, Section 2-6(g)(1). Additionally, any changes in an Urban Renewal Plan affecting the disposition of property subject to a plan must meet the notice requirements of Section 2-6(d). *See* City Code Art.13, Section 2-6(g)(2)(3). Therefore, notice of the City Council hearing must be posted in the area involved at least ten days prior to the hearing. City Code, Art. 13, § 2-6(d)(3)(i). Notice of the City Council hearing must also be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Baltimore City. City Code, Art. 13, § 2-6(d)(3)(ii).

Additionally, any notice and hearing requirements in the Plan itself must also be followed. Paragraph E of the Plan requires that “prior to the passage of any ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan, a public hearing shall be held and the Poppleton Project Area Committee, or its successor, shall receive at least ten days' prior to such hearing, written notice of the time and place of such hearing.” Plan paragraph E. This Paragraph also specifies that notice be given to the Poppleton Project Area Committee for their review and comments no later than at the time the proposed amendments are submitted to the Department of Planning.

Provided that the notice requirements outlined above are met, the Law Department may approve City Council Bill 22-0283 for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D'ereka Bolden', written in a cursive style.

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