

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner

Date: February 21, 2022

Re: City Council Bill 23-0330 Supplementary General Fund Capital Appropriation - Department of Housing and Community Development - \$6,600,000

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 23-0330 for the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$6,600,000.00 to the Department of Housing and Community Development - PRJ002743 (PSO Perkins Phase II Public Infrastructure), to provide funding to support the construction of public infrastructure associated with the construction of new mixed-income housing.

DHCD and the Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) are co-grantees of a \$30,000,000 Choice Neighborhoods grant for the redevelopment of Perkins Homes, the former Somerset Housing site and the Oldtown Mall. The Perkins Somerset Oldtown (PSO) transformation plan will create over 1800 mixed-income rental units, including the 156 that will benefit from the new public infrastructure that this supplemental appropriation will fund.

This supplemental appropriation of \$6,600,000.00 was committed from the surplus and is made available due to material change in circumstances since the Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2023 was formulated and necessary to execute the grant agreement to provide funding for PSO Perkins Phase II Public Infrastructure. We look forward to attending the hearing and answering any questions the Council may have.

DHCD respectfully request a **favorable** report and passage of City Council Bill 23-0330.