

GREATER REMINGTON
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Dear Chairman Davis and Commissioners:

Michele Baskin
Secretary

The Greater Remington Improvement Association is writing in support of CB #24-0583, The 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of Baltimore.

Sadie Baker
Treasurer**Board Members at Large**Matt Williams
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The Plan has a goal of welcoming new neighbors into Remington through continued growth - a goal that we share.

Director of Neighborhood Initiatives

Amanda Rothschild

This goal will be realized through recommended land use changes consistent with our Planning Commission accepted 2017 Remington Neighborhood Plan, increasing the mixed use development potential of underutilized former commercial and industrial spaces in the neighborhood, allowing property owners to pursue a more diverse set of uses of their properties, ensuring our historic light-industrial spaces can remain amongst growth through IMU-1 zoning, and rectifying errors in zoning of certain properties.

Volunteer and Events**Coordinator**

Jennifer Mckenzie

In 2023, the Greater Remington Improvement Association released a Community Needs Assessment that utilized quantitative and qualitative data, including interviews with residents and stakeholders, meetings and field visits, and public data from local, state, and federal sources. Key issues identified were population change and displacement, housing affordability concerns, economic instability, and reduced accessibility to resources. Neighbors desire policy and program implementation that will increase access to housing, reduce housing costs, enable families to grow and seniors to age in place, and bring more commercial uses along calmed streets so they can walk and bike to more amenities.

The 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan contains many recommendations for policies and programs that align with these desires. The corresponding land use recommendations will help to enable those possibilities in Remington.

In addition to GRIA hosted discussions about the Comprehensive Master Plan draft in Land Use Committee and general community meetings, Baltimore City Planning Department attended to formally present the plan and go over the process for adoption. This meeting, like all of our meetings, was publicly advertised on social media and in flyers that are delivered to households in Remington.

We encourage the Baltimore City Planning Commission to vote favorably on the 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of Baltimore and the accompanying land use map recommendations.

Sincerely,



Corey Jennings
President, Greater Remington Improvement Association