

## MEMORANDUM

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To:

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

Paul & Graziano by

c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From

Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date:

May 30, 2013

Re:

City Council Bill 13-0218 - Urban Renewal - Inner Harbor Project I - Amendment

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0218, which was introduced for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Inner Harbor Project I to change the land use category for a portion of a certain Development Area in the Renewal Plan and to revise a certain exhibit to the Plan to reflect this change; 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.

This bill, if enacted, would amend the Urban Renewal Plan (URP) for the Inner Harbor Project I URP. Specifically, the instant legislation changes the land use category for Development Area 18, Block 0887, Lots 1 and 3 only, from "semi-public" to "commercial-residential". The subject properties affected by the proposed change in land use category are the former University Specialty Hospital, located at the corner of South Charles Street and Lee Street, and the Walter P. Carter/Carruthers Clinic located at 611 South Charles Street. The petitioner, South Charles Holdings LLC, has requested the change in the URP as a precursor to redevelopment of the properties.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 13-0218.

PTG:nb

cc:

Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office of Government Relations

Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, Deputy Mayor



