

MEMORANDUM

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To:

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From:

Paul F. Graziano, Commissioner

Date:

June 19, 2013

Re:

City Council Bill 13-0230 - Rezoning - 901 South Caton Avenue

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0230, which was introduced for the purpose of changing the zoning for a portion of the property known as 901 South Caton Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the M-1-1 Zoning District to the O-R-2 Zoning District, and changing the zoning for a portion of the property known as 901 South Caton Avenue, as outlined in green on the accompanying plat, from the M-1-1 Zoning District to the B-2-2 Zoning District.

This bill, if enacted, would rezone the property known as 901 South Caton Avenue from the M-1-1 industrial Zoning District to a split between the O-R-2 office/residential Zoning District and the B-2-2 commercial Zoning District. The subject property is approximately a 32 acre site at the southeast corner of Wilkens and Caton Avenues and is improved with the school building structures and other amenities that comprised the campus of the former Cardinal Gibbons High School. It is the understanding of HCD that the petitioner, Saint Agnes hospital, recently acquired the property from the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and is requesting this rezoning in conjunction with its plans to redevelop the site as an adaptive re-use.

Additionally, HCD has reviewed both the staff report prepared by the Department of Planning and the resolution of the Planning Commission.

The Department of Housing and Community Development respectfully defers its position on City Council Bill 13-0230 to the Department of Planning.

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cc:

Ms. Angela Gibson, City Council Liaison, Mayor's Office of Government Relations Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, Deputy Chief, Economic Development

