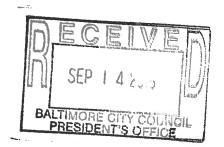


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To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: September 10, 2015

Re: City Council Bill 15-0542 - Rezoning - Certain Properties in the

Remington Central Business Area

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0542 for the purpose of changing the zoning for certain properties in the Remington Central Business Area from the R-7 Zoning District to the B-1-2 Zoning District from the R-8 Zoning District to the B-1-2 Zoning District from the R-9 Zoning District to the B-1-2 Zoning District.

If enacted, this bill would allow for the rezoning of several properties located in the Remington neighborhood from the R-7, R-8 or R-9 Zoning District to the B-1-2 Zoning District. A majority of the properties included in the bill are vacant and were previously occupied with businesses on the ground floor and residences above. The rezoning to a B-1 zoning district, neighborhood business district designation, would provide for a variety of residential, office and commercial uses that are suitable for this neighborhood and contribute to neighborhood revitalization efforts to reduce the blighting influence of vacant properties in the community.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 15-0542.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office of Government Relations Mr. Colin Tarbert, Deputy Mayor



