

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: November 30, 2015

Re: **City Council Bill 15- 0564 - Waterfront Management District -
Extension of District :**

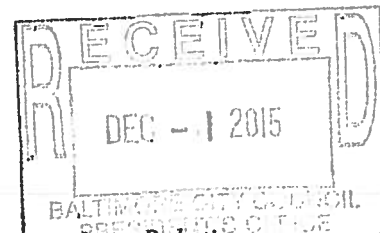
The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0564, for the purpose of extending the Waterfront Management District to encompass certain adjoining blocks; modifying the criteria for local businesses, organizations, and residents to be represented on the Board of Directors of the Waterfront Management Authority; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related language; making this ordinance subject to certain contingencies; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Waterfront Management District and Authority.

If enacted, this bill would expand the area around the District that is managed by the Waterfront Management Authority (WMA) and update the requirements governing board composition. The area managed by the WMA would expand to the north to include the formal Della Notte site, Bagby Building and Park Hyatt Hotel, and to the east to include the former H&S distribution center. The expansion would also add the East side of Caroline Street which would result in both sides of Thames to Bond Street to be included in the District. The current language concerning the composition of the board would be more general to require the board to be "representative of the District" vs. the requirement to "have one retailer, one hotelier, one restaurateur, one resident".

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 15-0564.

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