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PAULT. GRAZIANO Executive Director, HABC Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

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

c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T Graziano, Commissioner

Date: December 18, 2015

Re: City Council Bill 15-0576 - Planning Commission – Site-Specific

Matters -Notice and Hearing on Applications for Final

Administrative Decisions

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0576, for the purpose of requiring a public hearing by the Planning Commission, with posted notice, for all site-specific matters over which the Planning Commission has the final administrative authority; specifying the size, contents, construction, and number of the signs to be posted and the manner and timing of their posting; qualifying the Planning Commission's authority to determine what constitutes a "minor modification" to a Planned Unit Development; modifying certain provisions requiring advance delivery to Councilmembers of Commission meeting agendas; and correcting, clarifying, and conforming related language.

If enacted, this bill would add new requirements for hearings and notices pertaining to all site-specific matters where the Planning Commission has the final administrative authority.

The Department of Housing and Community Development respectfully defers to the Department of Planning on the passage of City Council Bill 15-0576.

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

Mr. Colin Tarbert, Deputy Mayor

