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PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: July 29, 2016

Re: **City Council Bill 16-0693 - Repeal of Port Covington Urban Renewal Area and Plan**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0693 for, the purpose of repealing Ordinance 87-1075, as amended by Ordinances 87-1179 and 88-1, which established the Port Covington Urban Renewal Area and Plan; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill would support the transformation of 260 acres in Port Covington by repealing the Urban Renewal Area and Plan that was established in 1987 to promote economic development and redevelop underutilized land for industrial and business use. The goal of the Port Covington Master Plan, which was approved by the Planning Commission on June 23, 2016, is to redevelop the area into a mixed-use community by retaining industrial uses but also allowing for residential, office and commercial uses.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 16-0693.

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

