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Baltimore City Health Department  
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*Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor*  
*Leana Wen, M.D., Commissioner of Health*

**BRIEFING MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable President and Members of the City Council, Attention Natawna Austin, Room 400  
**FROM:** Dr. Leana Wen, Health Commissioner, Baltimore City Health Department  
**SUBJECT:** CB 16-0725 – Urban Renewal – Carroll Camden – Amendment  
**DATE:** October 13, 2016

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City Council Bill 16-0725 amends the zoning code for the property located at 301 Stockholm Street within the Carroll Camden area to enable development of the site for retail and recreational purposes. BCHD supports this bill.

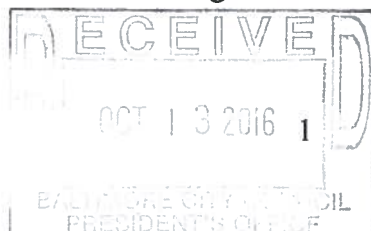
301 Stockholm Street is currently occupied by Baltimore City Health Department's (BCHD) Animal Control and the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter (BARCS). This facility provides critically important services across our City.

Every year, BCHD's Animal Control receives on average 22,000 calls for service. They investigate approximately 5,000 Animal in Danger/Abused/Neglected cases and approximately 1,200 Animal Bite/Exposure cases yearly. As a result of these investigations approximately 60-80 confirmed cases of animal abuse or cruelty are forwarded to the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office every year.

BARCS provides care for over 12,000 animals every year. BARCS' responsibility includes overseeing the health and welfare of the 250 animals housed at the shelter, evaluating 35 new animals arriving every day, diagnosing and treating sick and injured animals, handling emergency cases, diagnosing and investigating infectious disease cases, providing care for over 500 animals in foster homes, and providing spay and neuter surgery and wellness checks for over 4,500 adoptable animals.

Our city residents depend on these services by BCHD's Animal Control and by BARCS.

BCHD has been working closely with Mayor Rawlings-Blake and senior members of her Administration to find an appropriate permanent site and identify funding for a new facility. Our most critical criterion is that there be no disruption of either Animal Control or BARCS services. Disrupting Animal Control's operations will also disrupt active investigations. Temporary shelter is not an appropriate intermediary. In order to fulfill their duty to the City, Animal Control and BARCS must have a permanent and stable location to deliver animals and a base of operations out of which to conduct extensive investigations.



We look forward to continuing to work with our partners within the Administration and across the community on a comprehensive relocation plan that ensures that our most vulnerable—including our most vulnerable animal residents—are appropriately cared for.

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