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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: October 11, 2016

Re: **City Council Bill 16-0731**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0731, for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Market Center to amend Exhibit 3 of the Plan to reflect the change in zoning, upon approval by separate ordinance, for the property known as 325 West Baltimore Street; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill, along with companion City Council Bill 16-0732, would facilitate the redevelopment of the property for a new 30-story mixed use building that will have a level of retail, eight stories of structured parking and residential use on the upper levels.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 16-0731.

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

