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SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 18-0241

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TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 18-0241, introduced by the Council President at the request of the Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development).

The purpose of this bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Druid Heights to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area and to extend the life of the Plan; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and provide for a special effective date.

The Urban Renewal Plan for Druid Heights was established by Ordinance 77-376 and was last amended by Ordinance 14-300. The area included in the Plan is generally bounded by West North Avenue on the north; Blom Street, Division Street, and Laurens Street on the south; Pennsylvania Avenue on the west; and Tiffany Street on the east.

If approved, City Council Bill 18-0241 would amend the Urban Renewal Plan to extend the life of the Plan and to reauthorize the Plan's powers of acquisition and condemnation for an additional four years (until December 31, 2022), so that these actions may legally continue in compliance with § 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

The Department of Public Works has no objection to City Council Bill 18-0241.

Sincerely,

Rudolph S. Chow, P.E.
Director

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