



BALTIMORE CITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## MEMORANDUM

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

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner

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Date: July 19, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0399: Rezoning — 755, 757, 759, 761, and 763 West Fayette Street, 760 West Baltimore Street, Block 0626, Lot 053 (k/a NWC Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and West Baltimore Street), and a Portion of the Former Bed of West Fairmount Avenue**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0399, for the purpose of changing the zoning for the properties known as 755, 757, 759, 761, and 763 West Fayette Street (Block 0626, Lots 043, 042, 041, 040, and 039, respectively), 760 West Baltimore Street (Block 0626, Lot 026A), Block 0626, Lot 053 (k/a NWC Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and West Baltimore Street), and a portion of the former bed of West Fairmount Avenue from the R-8 Zoning District to the BSC Zoning District.

If enacted, this bill would change the zoning of properties located at the southeast corner of N. Fremont St. and W. Fayette St. and at the northwest corner of N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and W. Baltimore St. from R-8 to BSC. The 2017 Zoning Code created the Bio Science Campus district specifically for the University of Maryland BioPark, and this update will change the Zoning Code to reflect the use of these properties as BioPark buildings. These changes are necessary to allow the BioPark to redevelop these properties.

DHCD supports the passage of City Council Bill 19-0399.

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Cc: Mr. Jeffrey Amoros, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Mr. Eric Tiso, *Department of Planning*