



BALTIMORE CITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## MEMORANDUM

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

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner 

Date: January 21, 2020

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0426 Rezoning - Block PSCO Lot 085**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0426 for the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as Block PSCO Lot 085, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-2 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District.

At its regular meeting of October 3, 2019, the Planning Commission concurred with the recommendation of its departmental staff and recommended City Council Bill 19-0426 be passed by the City Council. Planning staff found that this change is in the public's interest and that it will enable this parcel to be consolidated with the adjacent parcel at 601 S. Haven St. to make way for a 70-unit townhome subdivision development proposed for this property. The adjacent parcel of 601 S. Haven St. was rezoned from M-3 to R-8 by the City Council during the Transform Baltimore comprehensive rezoning and planning staff found that the City Council made a mistake in not also rezoning this property for residential use.

**DHCD defers to the Department of Planning** for City Council Bill 19-0426.

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cc: Mr. Blandy, Nicholas, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*