



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: February 11, 2020

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0374 Rezoning - 1641 North Bond Street**

---

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0374 for the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 1641 North Bond Street (Block 1118, Lot 021), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-8 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District.

If enacted, Council Bill 19-0374 would rezone 1641 N. Bond Street from the R-8 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District. At its regular meeting of May 9, 2019, the Planning Commission concurred with the recommendations of its departmental staff and recommended disapproval by the City Council. Planning staff found that this change is not in the public's interest, in that it will perpetuate the existing use of this property for a liquor store, and leaves open the opportunity for a variety of other incompatible commercial uses.

DHCD **opposes** the passage of City Council Bill 19-0374.

MB:sm

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