

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner

Date: July 7, 2020

Re: City Council Bill 20-0531 Rezoning - 3006, 2926, and 2928 Boarman Avenue and Block 3185, Lot 49

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0531 for the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 3006 Boarman Avenue (Block 3185, Lot 48), from the I-2 Zoning District to the TOD-2 Zoning District, and for changing the zoning for the properties known as 2926 Boarman Avenue (Block 3185, Lot 51), 2928 Boarman Avenue (Block 3185, Lot 50), and Block 3185, Lot 49, as outlined in blue on the accompanying plat, from the R-7 Zoning District to the TOD-2 Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

At its regular meeting of May 28, 2020, the Planning Commission concurred with the recommendations of its Departmental staff and recommended amendment and approval of City Council Bill 20-0531.

If enacted, Council Bill 20-0531 would allow for the redevelopment of 3025 Cold Spring Lane, which will be consolidated with the properties named in this Bill, to provide 163 affordable housing units in a four-story, multi-family building. The rezoning would respond to the growing need for smaller-scale residential options that are directly accessible to public transit via the West Cold Spring Transit Station.

DHCD **supports** the passage of City Council Bill 20-0531.

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