



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 *Nadya Morgan* for

Date: July 14, 2020

**Re: City Council Bill 18-0202 Repeal of Madison - Park North Urban Renewal Area and Plan**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0202 for the purpose of repealing Ordinance 63-1594, as amended by Ordinances 67-962, 67-1042, 70-800, and 75-1061 and by minor amendments approved by the Board of Estimates on October 19, 1966, January 17, 1973, and February 28, 1973, which established the Madison - Park North Urban Renewal Area and Plan; and providing for a special effective date.

At its regular meeting of April 19, 2018, the Planning Commission concurred with the recommendations of its Departmental staff and recommended approval of City Council Bill 18-0202.

If enacted, Council Bill 18-0202 would resolve conflicts between the current zoning and the existing Madison - Park North URP. The requirements of the existing URP constrain development which would otherwise be permitted under the new zoning code. They create unclear guidance and regulation when assessing potential for future development, frequently requiring waivers for items such as; bulk, yard, parking and signage requirements, for example.

DHCD **supports** the passage of City Council Bill 18-0202.

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