

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: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner 0.4

Date: November 4, 2020

Re: City Council Bill 20-0610 Repeal - Reisterstown Plaza Transit Station Urban Renewal Area and Plan

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0610 for the purpose of repealing Ordinance 09-219, which established the Reisterstown Plaza Transit Station Urban Renewal Area and Plan; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 20-0610 would repeal Ordinance 09-219, in order to allow the new zoning code to dictate the land uses and design guidelines within the existing boundaries of the Reisterstown Plaza Transit Station Urban Renewal Area.

At its regular meeting of October, 8, 2020, the Planning Commission concurred with it's Planning Staff and recommended adoption of the findings outlined in the staff report and recommended that City Council Bill 20-0610 be passed by the City Council. Staff noted in their report that this plan is out of date and no longer needed, and recommended repeal of the URP.

This Bill is a companion piece to City Council Bill 20-0609 which would rezone the properties located at 4207-4209 Menlo Drive from the I-1 Zoning District to the OIC Zoning District and allow the applicant to use the property as an Adult Day Care. This update is necessary to prevent a conflict with the land use controls of the URP, should the proposed rezoning be approved.

DHCD has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 20-0610.