

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner  $\mathcal{OK}$ 

Date: October 30, 2020

Re: City Council Bill 19-0453 Rezoning - 3127 East Baltimore Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0453 for the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 3127 East Baltimore Street (Block 1743, Lot 002), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-8 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District.

If enacted, City Council Bill 19-0453 would rezone the property located at 3127 East Baltimore Street from the R-8 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District, which would allow the applicant, 3127 East Baltimore Street, LLC, to use the property for office, retail and residential uses.

The Planning Commission has yet to review the proposed legislation so it is difficult to assess the impact of the proposed rezoning until the bill has been fully considered. However, providing the Commission reports out favorably on the legislation and the appropriate findings are made, DHCD would not object to the passage of City Council Bill 19-0453.

The property appears to have been previously used as an Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church and the surrounding residentially zoned neighborhoods may be benefited by the repurposing of this property to support additional office, retail and residential uses in the Patterson Park area.

DHCD does not object to the passage of City Council Bill 19-0453.