Subject:

Testimony for Council Bill -2012 (Downtown Columbia Affordable Housing)

To:

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Chief Administrative Officer

From:

Marsha McLaughlin, Director

Department of Planning and Zoning

Date:

August 3, 2012

The Department of Planning and Zoning supports adoption of Council Bill \_\_\_\_-2012, which proposes amendments to the Downtown Revitalization provisions in the New Town Zoning Regulations to clarify that residential developments must either make 15% of the units be moderate income housing units or alternatively, may make a one-time payment in lieu to the Downtown Columbia Community Housing Foundation.

There are no new fiscal impacts associated with this Council Bill. Please contact me if you have any questions at 410.313-4301.

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