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City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake Says Canton Icon Tower will Fail in Tuesday's Vote

Baltimore, MD (May 14, 2007) – Baltimore City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake announced today that there will be a vote on the controversial Icon Tower project in the Canton section of Baltimore, and that the result of that vote will effectively kill the project. The Council President opposes the development due to the concerns of community members, and hopes the vote will send a message that any future project must take into account the concerns of those who will live among it.

“This process has been handled poorly from the beginning,” noted Council President Rawlings-Blake. “The community and the developer have been pulled in different directions from all parties involved. Tuesday’s vote will wipe the slate clean. Any future project must be developed together with the community, in an open and transparent process.”

Tuesday’s session before the Council’s Land Use and Transportation Committee is scheduled for 11:15 a.m. in the Clarence “Du” Burns Chambers at City Hall. The voting session was originally delayed until all applicable information was submitted and reviewed. Barring a withdrawal of the bill, the committee will vote on the future of the Icon project tomorrow evening. Council President Rawlings-Blake arranged for Tuesday’s session to restore the integrity of the process for future developments.

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