



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner

Date: November 29, 2022

Re: City Council Bill 22-0293 - Sale of Property - 1321 Filbert Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0293 for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 1321 Filbert Street (Block 7200; Lot 060A) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 22-0293 would allow the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell its interest in the property located at 1321 Filbert Street and provides for a special effective date. If the ordinance is approved, the disposition will be subject to a vote by the Board of Estimates.

The Department of Real Estate is selling the one-acre plot located at 1321 Filbert Street at the request of the Department of Public Works (DPW). The intended purchaser is Filbert Street Garden. The Filbert Street Garden was created by countless volunteers who built and maintain a thriving community garden originally established under an Adopt-A-Lot lease arrangement.

DHCD supports the Administration's disposition of the property as the site is no longer needed for public use and would support the continued cultivation and other investments made by the Filbert Street Community Garden a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

We respectfully request a **favorable** report on Council Bill 22-0293.

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cc: Ms. Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office of Government Relations