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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #16-0665/ SALE OF PROPERTY - FORMER BED OF SINCLAIR LANE AND CERTAIN STREETS LYING WITHIN THE FORMER FREEDOM AND CLAREMONT HOMES PROJECT NOW KNOWN AS ORCHARD RIDGE		

TO

DATE: May 10, 2016

The Honorable President and
 Members of the City Council
 City Hall, Room 400
 100 North Holliday Street

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #16-0665, which is 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 parcels of land known as (1) the former bed of Sinclair Lane extending from Clareway easterly 731.1 feet, more or less, to its northeastern most extremity; and (2) certain streets lying within the former Freedom and Claremont Homes Project, now known as Orchard Ridge, and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The Department of Planning recommends approval of City Council Bill #16-0665. This bill will authorize the sale of previously closed street beds to The Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC), in order for them to continue the Orchard Ridge development, which includes public housing. The various phases of the Orchard Ridge development have been reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission for their design, as the development has progressed. These street beds were previously thought to have been conveyed to HABC, and this bill will complete the process.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-4488.

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