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	Subject	City Council Bill 08-0236 Sale of Property- the Former Bed of Diamond Street		

To: Honorable President and Members
of the City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council
400 City Hall

Date: December 5, 2008

As requested, we have reviewed the subject bill, which, if approved, would authorize the Mayor and City Council to sell at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel of land known as the former bed of Diamond Street, extending from Fayette, northerly 195.2 feet, more or less and no longer needed for public use.

The parcel which is the subject of this legislation is located on the north side of West Fayette Street as shown on City Block Plat 617. An inspection of the subject and surrounding parcels revealed that many of the surrounding parcels are owned by the Mayor and City Council or by the State of Maryland, although one large parcel is privately owned, and appears to be used as housing, possibly student housing. The Diamond Street roadbed itself has been closed to traffic, gated and developed in a courtyard manner, apparently for access and use limited to surrounding parcels. City Council Bill 08-0236 provides for a the Mayor and City Council to retain a full width Perpetual Easement for all Municipal Utilities and Services, not to be abandoned, over the entire parcel of land, as described in the bill.

Therefore, the Department of Real Estate has no objection to, and is recommending the passage of City Council Bill 08-0236 for the sale of the above referenced parcel.

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cc: Angela Gibson



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