



MEMORANDUM

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PAUL T. GRAZIANO,

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: May 7, 2014

Re: **City Council Bill 14 - 0355**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0355, which was introduced 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 known 1749-1757 Gorsuch Avenue (Block 4123, Lot 022) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

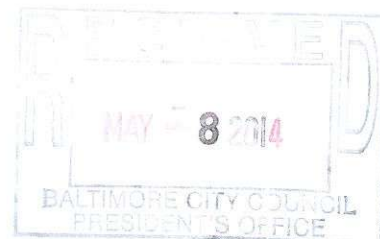
The property is located on the southwest side of the street, northwest of the intersection with Harford Road in the Coldstream Homestead Montebello neighborhood. The property is improved by a former two-story firehouse (Engine 33) that was closed in 2000. This site was transferred to HCD via the surplus process.

If City Council Bill 14-0355 is adopted it would allow HCD the authority to sell the vacant property through a competitive process. The competitive process would provide all interested parties an opportunity to submit offers and creative proposals for review to insure the highest and best use for redevelopment and compatibility with the neighborhood.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 14-0355.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Chief*



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