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TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 09-0411 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Comptroller (Department of Real Estate).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property known as 4900 Boston Street (Block 6820, Lot 055) and no longer needed for public use.

The subject property is an unimproved lot measuring approximately 0.612 acres in size and located on the northeast corner of Boston and Ponca Streets. This property was considered for sale after the City received an unsolicited proposal in 2002 by a Mr. Onasis. After the Department of Real Estate issued a public notice for its sale, no other respondents for the sale were found. However, in March of 2003 the Department of Transportation expressed concern that the parcel might be needed for the future widening of Boston Street. A 20-year lease agreement between the City and Mr. Onasis was approved by the Board of Estimates in 2005 with the understanding that the property may be needed for a public purpose at some time in the future. The Department of Transportation has since notified representatives of the Real Estate Department that sale of this property could go forward provided that a 20-foot wide right-of-way is reserved for City use. No utilities or other interests would be affected by the proposed sale.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports the passage of City Council Bill 09-0411 with the understanding that a 20-foot wide right-of-way will be reserved for future City use.


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