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PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: May 4, 2016

Re: **City Council Bill 16-0665 – Sale of City Property**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (“HCD”) has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0665, for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (the “City”) to sell to Housing Authority of Baltimore City (“HABC”) all its interest in certain parcels of land which were formerly used as streetbeds and are no longer needed for highway or other public use and known as the former bed of Sinclair Lane, easterly 731.1 feet more or less to its northeastern most extremity, and certain streets lying within the former Freedom Village and Claremont Homes sites now known as Orchard Ridge, all as shown on Plat 114-A-16 on file.

If enacted, this bill would authorize the conveyance in fee simple of certain parcels of land from the City to the Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) for use in furthering the Orchard Ridge redevelopment project, specifically the fifth rental phase.

HABC is planning to enter into a long term ground lease with Orchard Ridge Rental V, LLC to construct 65 rental housing units comprised of 58 affordable units and 7 market rate units. Earlier phases of the project have constructed 313 units, of which 278 units are affordable and 335 units are market rate.

Therefore, HCD encourages the passage of City Council Bill 16-0665.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor’s Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Colin Tarbert, *Deputy Mayor*

