

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: October 17, 2008

Re: City Council Bill 08-0192 Sale of Properties - 916, 1016, and 1018

North Arlington Avenue

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0192, 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 properties known as 916, 1016, and 1018 North Arlington Avenue and no longer needed for public use.

The proposed legislation would authorize the sale of three properties located on North Arlington Avenue to Maryland 25, LLC for \$5000 per property. Mr. Ernest Graham, the resident agent of Maryland 25, LLC, has expressed an interest in acquiring and rehabbing these residential properties into single-family rental homes with the option to sell to prospective purchasers. Currently, the company owns on the same block 1005, 1007 and 1009 North Arlington Avenue, which are presently under renovation with active construction permits.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0192.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson

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