



## BALTIMORE HOUSING

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Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO  
Executive Director, HABC  
Commissioner, HCD

# MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: September 16, 2010

Re: **City Council Bill 10-0583 - Street Encroachment - 1401 North Charles Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0583, which was introduced for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the construction and maintenance of portions of a building projecting into the right-of-way, on the southwest side of the Jones Falls Expressway (I-83), of the property known as 1401 North Charles Street.

The University of Baltimore currently is constructing a new John and Frances Angelos Law Center building at the corner of Charles Street and Mount Royal Avenue within a block of the Pennsylvania Railroad Station. Design of the \$107 million building was awarded to Behnisch Architekten of Stuttgart, Germany and Ayers/Saint/Gross, Inc. Construction is planned to be completed in 2012 in time for the fall semester. Within the building footprint were four easements held by the City of Baltimore which were extinguished under Ordinance 10-276.

City Council Bill 10-0583, if approved, would permit portions of the building to project into the southwest side of the Jones Falls Expressway right-of-way, an unimproved portion of expressway right-of-way. The projections occur at two corners of the structure. The northern projection occurs at levels 2 through 7 of the building and project approximately 1.7 feet into the right-of-way; and at levels 8 and 9 of the building, projecting approximately 2 feet into the right-of-way. The second projection occurs at levels 4 through 7 of the building, projecting approximately 1.5 feet into the right-of-way; and at levels 8 and 9 of the building, projecting approximately 1.5 feet into the right-of-way.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 10-0583.

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

