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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 Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: August 19, 2008

Re: City Council Bill 08-0149 Sale of Property - 101 South Ellwood Avenue

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0149, 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 as 101 South Ellwood Avenue (Block 1752, Lot 1/54) and no longer needed for public use.

The property is the former Highlandtown Middle School, an approximately 259,000 sq. ft. building completed in 1932 and currently vacant. The release of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the redevelopment of the site was issued on May 19, 2008. Proposals for redevelopment are due August 29, 2008.

The City's goals in selling the property are the following: 1) increase tax revenues; 2) redevelop the site consistent with the RFP, Standards and Controls established by the community, the Department of Planning and DHCD; and 3) execute a historic adaptive reuse in the Highlandtown/Patterson Park National Register Historic District neighborhood. Minority (MBE) and women business enterprises (WBE) will be included in all aspects of the development.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0149.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
Mr. Demaune Millard



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