



MEMORANDUM

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RAWLINGS-BLAKE,
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: May 30, 2013

Re: **City Council Bill 13-0179 – Sale of Properties – Former Beds of Certain Streets and Alleys or Portions of Them**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0179, 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 parcels of land known as the former beds of certain streets and alleys or portions of them bounded by North Avenue, Warwick Avenue, Baker Street, and the CSX Transportation, Inc., Railroad Right of Way and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

This bill, if enacted, would authorize the sale of the city-owned properties known as the former beds of certain streets and alleys or portions of them bounded by North Avenue, Warwick Avenue, Baker Street, and the CSX Transportation, Inc. Railroad Right of Way. These parcels are located in the Coppin State University area of the city and this sale will help facilitate the construction of a new Science and Technology Center.

Specifically, there are four parcels to be sold:

1. A 70,738.8 sq. ft. portion of the former bed of Thomas Avenue between Baker Street and W. North Avenue;
2. A 7,590 sq. ft. portion of the former bed of Presbury Street between Thomas Avenue and a 10 foot wide alley;
3. A 6,600 sq. ft. portion of Whitmore Avenue adjacent to the property known as 2551-2553 W. North Avenue; and
4. An approximately 20 foot by 80 foot by 10 foot by 30 foot by 110 foot portion of Presbury Street, located perpendicular to and between N. Warwick Avenue and a 10 foot wide alley.

City Council Bill 13-0179, along with its companion legislation, City Council Bill 13-0177 and City Council Bill 13-0178, which would open and close the rights of way, respectively, will allow for the entire site to be redeveloped as the new Science and Technology Center.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 13-0179.

PTG:nb

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



No obj.