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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: March 4, 2008

Re: City Council Bill 08-0037 City Streets – Sale of Property – A Portion of
the Former Bed of Monroe Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0037, 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 a certain parcel of land known as a portion of the former bed of Monroe Street, contiguous to the southwest side thereof and extending from Reisterstown Road, southeasterly 253.5 feet, more or less, and no longer needed for public use.

This portion of Monroe Street would sold in order to facilitate the \$70 million redevelopment of the Mondawmin Mall. The redevelopment will add hundreds of thousands of square feet of new retail shopping, remodel existing space and reconfigure and improve parking, outdoor lighting and traffic flow. The mall intends to add a national-brand large format retail store, a new grocery store, a medium-format retail store and sit-down restaurants.

The construction of new retail and supermarket facilities will displace existing parking lots at the site. The closed portion of Monroe Street would, in turn, provide additional land for the expansion of the Park & Ride lot of the Mondawmin Mall Transit Station. The expanded lot not only compliments the redevelopment of the mall but also promotes wider use of the mass transit system.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0037.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
Mr. Demaune Millard

