



**BALTIMORE
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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: October 17, 2008

Re: **City Council Bill 08-0197 City Streets - Opening - Callendar Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0197, which was introduced for the purpose of condemning and opening Callendar Street, extending from Baltimore Street, Southerly 137.4 feet, more or less, to Booth Street, as shown on Plat 114-A-45 in the Office of the Department of Public Works.

The proposed legislation and its companion bills (City Council Bills 08-0198 and 08-0199) are components of the process to open, close, and authorize the sale of Callendar Street. The University of Maryland, Baltimore will be constructing a new medical research facility on the southeast corner of West Baltimore and South Poppleton Streets as part a 10 acre BioPark. The new building requires a portion of the footprint of Callendar Street, which necessitates the sale of the street.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0197.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
Mr. Demaune Millard

