



BALTIMORE CITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner

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5/1/20

Date: April 30, 2020

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0437 City Streets - Opening - North Durham Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0437 for the purpose of condemning and opening North Durham Street, extending from East Eager Street Northerly 433 feet, more or less, to the south side of East Chase Street, as shown on Plat 341-A-45 in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted Council Bill 19-0437 will support larger community development efforts within the East Baltimore Development Initiative (EDBI). DHCD does not anticipate a fiscal or operational impact from the passage of Council Bill 19-0437.

The closing and consolidation of the alleys will lead to redevelopment of the Block. DHCD **supports** the passage of Council Bill 19-0437 and companion Bill 19-0438 and recommends that the Bill be passed by the City Council.

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cc: Mr. Blenny, Nicholas, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*