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TO

DATE: March 31, 2009

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o Karen Randle Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 09-0280 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the Bill is to condemn and close a 15-foot alley laid out in the rear of the properties known as Nos. 2501/2507 through 2511/2517 Eutaw Place, extending from Chauncey Avenue, northwesterly 108 feet, more or less, to the southeast side of a 15-foot alley laid out in the rear of the properties known as Nos. 914 through 934 Chauncey Avenue, as shown on Plat 316-C-1 in the Office of the Department of Public Works.

Beth Am In Town Synagogue, Inc. is located at 2501/2507 Eutaw Place. Beth Am also owns two row houses located at 934 and 936 Chauncey Avenue. A 15-foot wide alley, extending between Chauncey Avenue and Brooks Lane and parallel to Eutaw Place, separates the Beth Am Synagogue from their two Chauncey Avenue properties. Beth Am would like to close the portion of the alley between their properties, between Chauncey Avenue and a 15 foot alley, leaving the remaining portion of the alley (extending from the 15-foot alley to Brooks Lane) open to public use. Beth Am would remove the two row houses and construct a three-story structure that would extend across the alley and onto the two row house lots. The portion of alley proposed for closure under this legislation measures approximately 15 feet wide by 108 feet long. As noted in Section 4 of the legislation, no structure could be built over the alley until all City-owned utilities are removed and rebuilt in accordance with the specifications and under the direction of the Director of Public Works.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 09-0280.

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