



BALTIMORE HOUSING

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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 08-0200 City Streets - Closing – Portion of Baltimore Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0200, which was introduced for the purpose of condemning and closing a portion of Baltimore Street, contiguous to the south side thereof and extending from Fremont Avenue, Westerly 247.0 feet, more or less, as shown on Plat 111-D-55 in the Office of the Department of Public Works.

The proposed legislation and its companion bill (City Council Bill 08-0201) would authorize the closing and sale of a portion of Baltimore Street. The University of Maryland, Baltimore is presently constructing a new building on the southwest corner of West Baltimore and Fremont Streets as part a of the 10-acre BioPark. The new building accidentally encroaches approximately 1.5 feet into Baltimore Street. Consequently this legislation would close a 2 feet wide by 247 section long section of the street's right-of-way in order to accommodate the encroachment.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0200.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
Mr. Demaune Millard

