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PAUL T. GRAZIANO

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: May 7, 2014

Re: **City Council Bill 14 - 0356**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0356, 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 certain property known as 811 West Lanvale Street (Block 0411, Lot 022) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

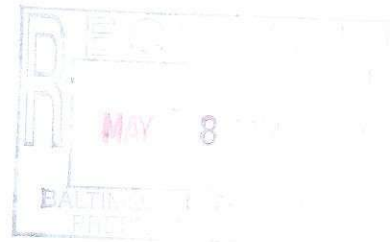
The property is located on the southeast side of the street, northeast of the intersection with North Fremont Avenue and is improved by a 2 ½ story building. The building was originally a mansion that was adapted for school use in the late 1950's. The property was owned by the Baltimore City Public Schools System and transferred to HCD through the surplus process.

If City Council Bill 14-0356 is adopted it would allow HCD the authority to sell the vacant property through a competitive process. The competitive process would provide all interested parties an opportunity to submit offers and creative proposals for review to insure the highest and best use for redevelopment and compatibility with the neighborhood.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 14-0356.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
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