

**STEPHANIE** RAWLINGS-BLAKE Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO Executive Director, HABC Commissioner, HCD

## **MEMORANDUM**

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council To:

c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T Graziano, Commissioner

Date: June **13**, 2016

Re: City Council Bill 16-0650 – Sale of Property – 111 South Hanover

Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0650, 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 111 South Hanover Street (Ward 04, 5 Section 10, Block 0670, Lot 002) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill would support the redevelopment of a vacant lot just outside of the Central Business District just north of the Baltimore Convention Center on E. Pratt Street. The City owned property is no longer needed for public use and the Baltimore Development Corporation would like to issue a Request for Proposal for development of the parcel to enhance pedestrian connections along Pratt Street.

The Department of Housing and Community Development does not object to the passage of City Council Bill 16-0650.

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

Mr. Colin Tarbert, Deputy Mayor

so objection

