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MEMORANDUM

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PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
BALTIMORE, MD 21201

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: April 29, 2014

Re: **City Council Bill 14 - 0329**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0329, 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 parcels of land known as the former beds of certain streets and alleys bounded by Guilford Avenue, East 21st Street, Barclay Street, and East 20th Street (Ward 12, Section 12, Block 3806) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

City Council Bill 14-0329, if approved, would allow for the sale of street and alley beds opened and closed to public use by companion City Council Bills 14-0327 and 14-0328, to facilitate the continued phased revitalization of the Barclay and Old Goucher neighborhoods by Telesia Corporation. The phased development will transform the neighborhood into a stable, mixed-income community with quality open spaces, community facilities and employment opportunities.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 14-0329.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Chief*

