

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the City Council

c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Christine Griffin, Deputy Director of Policy and Government Relations

Date: February 12, 2024

Re: 24-0476 Partial Release of Right-of-Way for Municipal Utilities and Services through the

Residence at Roland Heights (Formerly Hedwin Property)

Position: Favorable

The Department of Real Estate is responding to the request for a report on City Council bill 24-0476 Partial Release of Right-of-Way for Municipal Utilities and Services through the Residence at Roland Heights (Formerly Hedwin Property), which is for the purpose of authorizing the release and surrender by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore of all of its interests in and to the variable width right of way previously granted the City of Baltimore; the location and course of the variable width right of way to be released being shown on a plat numbered RW 20-36464; and providing for a special effective date.

Surrendering the right-of-way was a part of the developer's agreement between the City of Baltimore and the developer, Roland Heights, LLC., to complete the development of a new subdivision at 1505-1507 Roland Heights Avenue, also known as the Residences at Roland Heights, Baltimore, MD 21211.

This agreement enabled the developer to do its own installation of water service, sanitary sewer, storm drain, conduit, street lighting, and road improvements per Baltimore City codes. With that work completed, the previously located public utility is no longer in use, and the right-of-way is no longer needed for public purposes.

The Department of Real Estate respectfully requests a favorable report on City Council bill 24-0476.

CC:

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