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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: March 23, 2010

Re: **City Council Bill 09-0411 - Sale of Property - 4900 Boston Street**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0411, 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 4900 Boston Street (Block 6820, Lot 055) and no longer needed for public use.

City Council Bills 09-0411, if approved, would authorize the sale of an unimproved lot located on the northeast corner of Boston and Ponca Streets to a Mr. Theodore Onasis. In 2005, Mr. Onasis entered into a 20 year lease agreement with the City that permitted the erection and operation of a food court facility at the site but reserved the ability for the City to reclaim the property if needed for a public use. The Department of Transportation has since notified the Department of Real Estate that the sale is permissible provided that a 20 foot wide right of way remains reserved for any future City street widening projects.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 09-0411.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Ms. Diane Hutchins, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Mr. Andrew Frank, *First Deputy Mayor*

*Noobj*

