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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 12-0022</b>		

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**TO**

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 12-0022 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Baltimore Development Corporation).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain properties known as 1801 East Oliver Street (Ward 08, Section 10, Block 1495, Lot 001) and 1731 Llewelyn Avenue (Ward 08, Section 10, Block 1494, Lot 101) and no longer needed for public use.

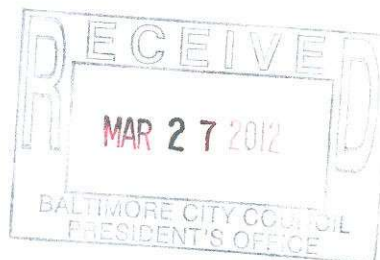
The property known as 1731 Llewelyn Avenue is located on the south side of Llewelyn Avenue where Rutland Avenue terminates. The parcel is approximately 170 feet long and 131 feet deep. Adjacent to this parcel is the property known as 1801 East Oliver Street, an irregularly-shaped parcel which is bounded by E. Oliver Street, N. Wolfe Street, N. Gay Street, and Amtrak right-of-way. Together, these parcels were formerly used as a Bureau of Water and Wastewater working yard, encompassing approximately 3.5 acres. The properties have paved areas and are improved with several buildings. The operations have since been relocated and consolidated, therefore this Department has no further public use for these properties.

A coalition formed of East Baltimore Development, Inc., Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition, and Cross Street Partners LLC would like to purchase these properties and develop a group of food-related businesses and programs to support a growing local food economy. To be known as the Baltimore Food Collaborative, the site will include urban farming through the use of hoop houses, demonstration and community gardens, a farm stand, a commercial kitchen incubator business, as well as office and classroom space.

The proposed repurposing of these properties is an innovative concept that can provide exciting benefits to the surrounding community. The Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 12-0022.

  
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