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To: Honorable President and Members of the City Council c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary Room 409 – City Hall

Date: April 28, 2008

As requested, the Department of Real Estate has reviewed the subject bill, for the purpose of prohibiting tax sale of property that is designated or being considered for possible future acquisition on behalf of the City under a plan for development or redevelopment; requiring certain notices to and certain verifications for certain entities before a property my be advertised for tax sale; and generally relating to tax and other lien.

The City in the past has acquired property through acquisition or condemnation for which the City previously owned and sold the lien certificate through tax sale. Department of Real Estate supports this legislation and feels that it would be beneficial and cost effective to the City if certain City Agencies were to review and identify properties that may be designated or otherwise considered for future acquisition by or on the behalf of the City for future development or redevelopment prior to the lien certificates being advertised for sale to the general public.

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CC: Ms. Angela C. Gibson

