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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: May 5, 2009

Re: **City Council Bill 09-0281 Sale of Property - Certain Streets or Portions of Them Lying Within the Middle East Urban Renewal Project**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0281, 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 or portions of them lying within the Middle East Urban Renewal Project, bounded by Ashland Avenue, McDonogh Street, Chase Street, and Washington Street, and no longer needed for public use.

City Council Bill 09-0281 would authorize the sale of various portions of former street beds of North Chapel Street, North Wolfe Street and North Rutland Avenue. All of these street beds are located within boundaries of the Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East established by Ordinance 79-1202 and last amended by Ordinance 05-124. The goal of the urban renewal plan is to create homeownership and employment opportunities, improve neighborhood areas and facilities, and reduce crime and grime. Consequently, these renewal plans require the acquisition, rehabilitation, or demolition of properties within certain areas, and certain abutting streets and alleys are needed to be closed to public use and sold for their incorporation into new disposition lots.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 09-0281.

PTG:pmd

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
Ms. Diane Hutchins
Mr. Andrew Frank

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