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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 Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: May 8, 2015

Re: **City Council Bill 15-0520 – Sale of Property – Former Beds of 2 10-Foot Alleys Between Lafayette Avenue, Lanvale Street, Barclay Street, and Greenmount Avenue**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0520 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 2 10-foot alleys between Lafayette Avenue, Lanvale Street, Barclay Street, and Greenmount Avenue and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill would authorize the sale of alleys that are no longer needed for public use to support the consolidation of adjacent city owned properties for redevelopment in the Greenmount West neighborhood. The proposed development, which is known as City Arts II, is the second phase of the City Arts development located on the 1500 block of Greenmount Avenue and it will include a 60-unit apartment building and five townhomes.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports and recommends passage of City Council Bill 15-0520.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Colin Tarbert, *Deputy Mayor*

