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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 14-0452		

TO DATE:
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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 14-0452 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Baltimore Development Corporation).

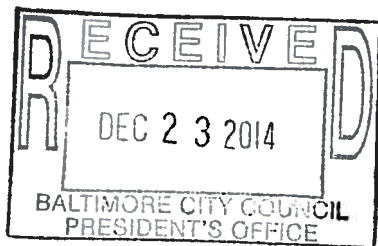
The purpose of this Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain properties known as 17, 19, and 23 South Gay Street (Ward 04, Section 11, Block 1351, Lots 014, 015, and 016), consisting of approximately 0.3 acres, and no longer needed for public use; and to provide for a special effective date.

Located in the Downtown neighborhood, the subject properties are abutting lots with a combined square footage of 13,924 square feet. These improved properties are zoned B-5-2 and are located in the Central Business District Urban Renewal Plan Area.

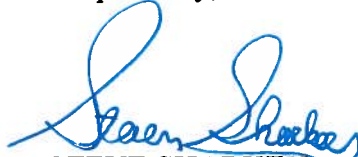
City Council Bill 14-0452, if approved, would authorize the disposition and sale of 17, 19, and 23 South Gay Street. No City agency has expressed interest in using the properties, which have been vacant since 2010, therefore, the properties were declared surplus.

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the redevelopment of the properties, pending approval of the subject bill. The Department of General Services will review the RFP and will assist BDC with process. The redevelopment of these properties, which have a combined assessed value of \$1,392,000, would contribute to the revitalization of the commercial area around City Hall.

Based on these findings, the Department of General Services supports the passage of City Council Bill 14-0452.



Respectfully,


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