



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, *Executive Secretary*

FROM: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

DATE: August 20, 2014

RE: **City Council Bill 14-0332 City Streets – Closing –
Portion of 62nd Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0332, for the purpose of condemning and closing a portion of 62nd Street, extending from the eastern boundary line of Baltimore City westerly and southwesterly, as shown on Plat 311-A-30A in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

If this bill is enacted, it would close a portion of 62nd Street to assist with the relocation of the H&S Bakery distribution center to the existing Hollander 95 business park.

A large collection of properties exist along the easterly side of 62nd Street, near that street's intersection with Pulaski Highway and adjacent to the eastern boundary of the City. Since the demolition of the former Hollander Ridge public housing complex in 2000, a warehouse has been constructed and a convenience store was built at the corner of 62nd Street and Pulaski Highway. By closing a portion of 62nd Street, the property owner will have more flexibility in developing and marketing the site to attract new tenants.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 14-0332.

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

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