



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner

Date: November 23, 2020

Re: City Council Bill 20-0524 City Streets - Closing - 10-Foot Alley Bounded by Harford Road, Normal Avenue, and Cliftview Avenue

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0524 for the purpose of condemning and closing a 10-foot alley bounded by Harford Road, Normal Avenue, and Cliftview Avenue, as shown on Plat 161-A-65A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 20-0524 would allow for the consolidation of a number of Mayor and City Council owned vacant lots, that are no longer needed for public purposes, to connect the newly constructed Darley Gateway Park.

At its regular meeting of February 20, 2020, the Planning Commission concurred with the recommendation of its departmental staff and recommended that City Council Bill 20-0524 be passed by the City Council.

The closing of the alley will allow the Parks and People Foundation to apply a grant to construct a state-of-the-art playground to be utilized by both Darley Park residents and the surrounding neighborhood.

DHCD **supports** the passage of Council Bill 20-0524.

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cc: Mr. Blendy, Nicholas, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*

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