

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the City Council

c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Christine Griffin, Deputy Director of Policy and Government Relations, Office of the

Comptroller

Date: January 3, 2024

Re: CCB 23-0471 Sale of Property – 3000 Highman Avenue

Position: Favorable

The Department of Real Estate (DORE) is herein reporting on City Council bill 23-0471 Sale of Property – 3000 Highman Avenue (Block 7703D, Lot 009A) which is for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in the property that is located at 3000 Highman Avenue and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Background

The DORE has had a request from Ms. Elaine Delp asking the City to authorize the sale of 3000 Highman Avenue. Ms. Delp owns a home adjacent to the property and has maintained this vacant lot for over 25 years, using it as an extended yard, garden, and access point to the rear of her property. Ms. Delp has no future development plans for the property; she would like to continue maintaining it as yard and garden space.

All four adjacent affected owners on Highman Avenue have been notified, and all have signed the *Acquisition Interest Form* stating they have no objection to the sale of the property to Ms. Delp or its use as a yard and garden area.

Ordinance

A City ordinance is necessary to authorize the sale of 3000 Highman Avenue. The purchase price will be subject to BOE approval and is not available at this time.

The Department of Real Estate respectfully requests a favorable report enabling this ordinance.