



BALTIMORE HOUSING

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Acting Executive Director, HABC
Acting Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Michael Braverman, Acting Commissioner

Date: January 26, 2017

Re: **City Council Bill 17-0012 - Sale of Property – 217 North Pine Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0012, 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 property known as 217 North Pine Street (Block 0589, Lot 017) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill would allow the sale of property that is adjacent to several properties owed by the University of Maryland and is currently used as a parking lot for security vehicles. The subject property, located in the University of Maryland neighborhood within an R-5-1 Zoning District, is an unimproved lot. The City purchased the property in 1973 with a single rowhouse that has since been demolished. Allowing the sale and marketing of this parcel for redevelopment will promote economic growth in the City.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 17-0012.

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cc: Karen Stokes, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
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