

## MEMORANDUM

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To:

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From:

Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date:

February 25, 2013

Re:

City Council Bill 13-0184 - Acquisition of Property - 4629 Liberty Heights Avenue

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0184, which was introduced for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire, by purchase or condemnation, the fee simple or other interests in certain property known as 4629 Liberty Heights Avenue (Ward 28, Section 3, Block 8297, Lot 1), and needed for extinguishment of a restrictive covenant; and providing for a special effective date.

This bill, if adopted, would authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire—through either purchase or condemnation—all fee simple or other interests in the property known as 4629 Liberty Heights Avenue. The subject property is located in the Howard Park neighborhood, and was identified for acquisition in the Howard Park Business Urban Renewal Plan, which is a comprehensive plan for the business corridor in that section of the City.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 13-0184.

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cc:

Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office of Government Relations

Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, Deputy Mayor



