



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 14, 2014

RE: **City Council Bill 14-0423 - Sale of Property – 720 Pennsylvania Avenue**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0423, 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 720 Pennsylvania Avenue (Block 0544, Lot 022) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If this bill is enacted, it would authorize the Mayor and City Council to sell the subject surplus property at 720 Pennsylvania Avenue. It is an irregularly shaped unimproved lot surrounded by apartment buildings in the Orchard-Biddle Neighborhood. The lot is approximately 1.103 acres and is currently used as open space and maintained by the owners of the apartment complex who are interested in purchasing the property.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 14-0423.

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

