



MEMORANDUM

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RAWLINGS-BLAKE,
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HABC,
Commissioner, HCD

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: October 14, 2011

Re: **City Council Bill 11-0650 - Sale of Properties - 601-603, 621, 701, 709, 750, 801, and 810 McCabe Avenue**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0650, which was introduced 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 properties that are known as 601-603, 621, 701, 709, 750, 801, and 810 McCabe Avenue and are no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) requested that this legislation be introduced to permit the City to sell the subject properties, which are located in the Winston-Govans neighborhood. The community has been working with the City of Baltimore through HCD to redevelop vacant and abandoned residential properties, such as the subject properties, and this bill would allow the City to sell these currently vacant properties to Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity, who plans to rehabilitate the properties for sale as part of its sweat-equity home rehabilitation program.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 11-0650.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*

