

STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE Mayor

PAULT. GRAZIANO Executive Director, HABC Commissioner, HCD

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: December 4, 2015

Re: City Council Bill 15-0593 - Sale of Property – 225 North Franklintown

Road

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0593, 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 225 North Franklintown Road (Block 2215, Lot 001) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill would allow the sale of an approximately two acre site with an old vacant warehouse building that is no longer needed for public use. A local business is currently leasing the site and using the parking lot to store containers. The sale of the property would encourage productive reuse of the parcel.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage

of City Council Bill 15-0593.

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

