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To: The Honorable President and Members

of the Baltimore City Council

Attn.: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary

Room 400, City Hall

RE: Council Bill 20-0540, "Corrective—City Streets—Renaming Violet Hill White Way to Violet Hill Whyte Way"

As requested, the Department of Real Estate has reviewed Council Bill 20-0540 introduced by Councilman Costello. This simple corrective legislation renames Violet Hill White Way, located between the 700 blocks of West Fayette Street and West Lexington Street immediately west of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, to Violet Hill Whyte Way.

This legislation rectifies an error in the street name that first appeared in 1998. Violet Hill Whyte was the first African American woman appointed as a member of the Baltimore City Police force, where she served for 30 years and retired with the rank of lieutenant. Ms. Whyte was also a community activist who worked tirelessly to improve the lives all Baltimoreans, especially women and children. It is appropriate that the public street which bears her name should reflect the correct spelling.

For all these reasons, the Department of Real Estate supports Council Bill 20-0540.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Walter Horton at 410-396-4768 or via email at walter.horton@baltimorecity.gov.

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