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MEMORANDUM

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PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: June 10, 2015

Re: **City Council Bill 15-0492 - Sale of Property – Air Rights over a Portion of Lovegrove Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0492, for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in the Air Rights area over a portion of Lovegrove Street, extending northerly 100 feet from the north side of East Lanvale Street and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill would authorize the sale of the air rights over a portion of Lovegrove Street to support the development of market rate apartments, parking and retail space near the northeast corner of North Charles Street and East Lanvale Street. The sale of the air rights is necessary because the new mixed use development project may extend above Lovegrove Street. Companion bills 15-0490 and 15-0491 would authorize the required opening, condemning and closing of the air rights, which are necessary before the air rights are sold.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 15-0492.

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

