

Acting Executive Director, HABC Acting Commissioner, HCD

## **MEMORANDUM**

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

c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Acting Commissioner

Date: January 26, 2017

City Council Bill 17-0013 - Sale of Property - 907 ½ North Fremont Re:

Avenue

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0013, 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 907 ½ North Fremont Avenue; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill would allow the sale of property located in the Upton neighborhood within an R-8 Zoning District. It is an unimproved .150 acre (6,534 square feet) lot that the City has owned since 1797. The vacant lot is located close to several properties that are owned by the Macedonia Baptist Church, at the corner of W Lafayette Avenue and N Fremont Avenue. Allowing the sale and marketing of this parcel for redevelopment will promote economic growth in the City.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 17-0013.

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cc: Karen Stokes, Mayor's Office of Government Relations Kyron Banks, Mayor's Office of Government Relations

