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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 14-0458</b>		

**TO**

DATE:  
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The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin  
Room 400 – City Hall

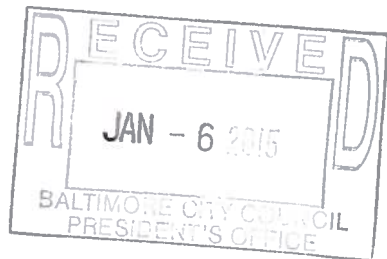
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 14-0458 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of Law).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to release an easement pertaining to certain property known as 414 Light Street, the easement being no longer needed for public use.

The subject property is bounded by East Conway Street, Light Street, South Charles Street, and the former East Barre Street (closed to public use under Ordinance 70-835) and was the site of the former McCormick & Company spice plant. The property was acquired from the City of Baltimore in 1979 by a prior owner. As part of the sale, the City retained an easement along the northern property line for the future construction and maintenance of a retaining wall and screening material. The wall and screening material were never installed. The new property owner, 414 Light Street Associates, LLC, is designing a mixed use development project for the property and has requested removal of the easement to facilitate the development. The site does include conduit and storm drains along the northern and southern edges of the property that will need to be either relocated or abandoned as part of the development process.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 14-0458.

Sincerely,



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Director

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