



MEMORANDUM

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RAWLINGS-BLAKE,
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: October 14, 2011

Re: **City Council Bill 11-0779 - Sale of Property - 3323 Eastern Avenue**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0779, which was introduced 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 3323 Eastern Avenue (Ward 26, Section 11, Block 6423, Lot 012) an no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

This bill would allow for the sale of a property known as the Old Highlandtown Library located in the Highlandtown neighborhood. This property will be redeveloped as a mixed-use space with both office use and retail, and the Southeast Development Corporation ("SDC")—currently located in a building of retail spaces on Eastern Avenue that is currently at full capacity—will be relocating their offices to the 2nd and 3rd floors of the building while the 1st floor will be used for retail space. This move will also have the effect of allowing new retailers move into the space currently being occupied by the SDC allowing for further development of the neighborhood.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 11-0783.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*

