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PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: September 16, 2010

Re: **City Council Bill 10-0584 - Franchise - Structural Projections over the Bed of Ashland Avenue**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0584, which was introduced for the purpose of granting a franchise to 929 N. Wolfe, LLC, to construct, use, and maintain a private structural projection over a portion of the bed of Ashland Avenue.

The Graduate Student Housing Community at the Science and Technology Park at Johns Hopkins intends to construct a new multi-story building for graduate students at the northeast corner of North Wolfe Street and Ashland Avenue. The project will consist of 321 apartments with a mix of 1-bedroom/1-bath, 2-bedroom/2-bath and efficiency units. The building design includes a projection over the right-of-way of Ashland Avenue, beginning at the 12th floor and extending to the 21st floor of the structure. The portion of the building projecting into the right-of-way measures approximately 3 feet 10 inches by 31 feet 2 inches, or approximately 120 square feet for each of the 10 floors, for a total of a 1,200 square feet encroachment. City Council Bill 10-0584, if approved, would permit these portions of the building to project into the Ashland Avenue right-of-way, well above the bed of the street, allowing for free pedestrian and vehicular travel.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 10-0584.

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

