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	Subject	City Council Bill No. 14-0355 Sale of Property 1749 Gorsuch Avenue (Block 4123, Lot 22)		

To: Honorable President and Members
Of the City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Office of the President
400 City Hall

Date: May 2, 2014

As requested, we have reviewed the subject bill, which, if approved, would authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel known as 1749-1757 Gorsuch Avenue (Block 4123, Lot 22) and is no longer needed for public use and providing for a special effective date.

The subject property is the former Fire Engine #33, it declare surplus on November 20, 2001 and assigned to the Department of Housing and Community Development for disposition. This two story building contains approximately 3,591 square feet. While it was used to film the movie Ladder 49, it has been vacant since and is a blighting influence on the Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello community. The sale and the redevelopment of this building could have a major impact on encouraging future development in this community.

While the subject property is no longer needed for public use, we may want to install a water meter antenna at the subject site. Therefore, the Department of Real Estate recommends that any sale will be subject to an easement and the following language be included any land disposition agreement:

“The deed conveying the Property from the City to the Developer shall provide for a reservation of an easement in favor of the City as follows: “Grantor reserves for itself an easement to install, inspect, maintain and replace a wireless communication device on the roof/exterior [SPECIFY LOCATION] that is part of Baltimore City’s system for remote reading and data transmission of water meters (the “Wireless Device”). At no cost to Grantor, the Grantee shall permit the Grantor to connect the Wireless Device to, and to draw power from, the Grantee’s electrical power distribution system and from time to time as needed to inspect, repair and/or upgrade such wired connections. The Grantee shall not interfere with the proper functioning of the Wireless Device by obstruction, electrical system overload, disconnection or any other manner whatsoever. If at any time the Grantee desires to have the Wireless Device moved in order to effect any repair, renovation or other improvement to the Property, Grantee shall give a least sixty



(60) days' prior notice to Grantor, during which time the parties shall cooperate in good faith to accommodate a relocation of the Wireless Device in respect of Grantee's needs to the extent reasonable and practical."

The Department of Real Estate support to the passage of this legislation with the above noted easement language.

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