

STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE Mayor

PAULT. GRAZIANO Executive Director, HABC Commissioner, HCD

## **MEMORANDUM**

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

c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T Graziano, Commissioner

Date: July 29, 2015

Re: City Council Bill 15-0502 - Sale of Property - NS Worcester Street

417-10 NW Ridgely Street (Block 833, Lot 001A)

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0502 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 NS Worcester Street 417-10 NW Ridgely Street (Block 833, Lot 001A) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill would allow the city owned property to be sold and returned to productive use. The 1400 Hull Street, LLC currently owns various properties in the 1800 block of Worcester Street and is in the process of purchasing other adjacent privately owned properties in the area around the city owned property. The LLC is interested in purchasing the city owned property to support the development of a parking area to support an existing business.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 15-0502.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office of Government Relations

Mr. Colin Tarbert, Deputy Mayor

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