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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 14-0331</b>		

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March 21, 2014

**TO**

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
Room 400 – City Hall

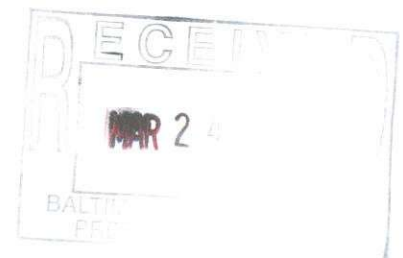
I am hereby reporting on City Council Bill 14-0331 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land known as the former beds of certain streets and alleys bounded by East 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Greenmount Avenue, East 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Barclay Street (Ward 12, Section 12, Block 3805), and no longer needed for public use.

The Housing Authority of Baltimore sought a Request for Qualifications in 2005 to redevelop City-owned properties in the Barclay and Old Goucher neighborhoods. The intent was to develop mixed income residential units, including affordable and market-rate homeownership, rental, and public housing units and to provide improved community amenities to complement the housing investments. The firm of Telesis Corporation was selected to implement the planned improvements. The development has been occurring in phases.

City Council Bill 14-0331, if approved, would authorize the sale of the following former streets and alleys closed to public use under companion legislation (City Council Bill 14-0330):

- A 10-foot alley located to the rear of the properties known as 2004 through 2014 Greenmount Avenue;
- A 10-foot alley located to the rear of the properties known as 414 through 434 Worsley Street;
- A 3-foot alley located perpendicular to the rear of 412 Worsley Street and adjacent to the westerly property line of 414 Worsely Street; and
- A 4-foot alley located to the rear of the properties known as 400 through 412 Worsley Street.



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This legislation provides protection of and City access to any of its underground utilities not to be abandoned or relocated by making them subject to a full width perpetual easement (page 2, lines 40 and 41).

Closing and selling of these former alley beds would assist with the next phase of housing and green space development. Additional legislation (City Council Bills 14-0327, 14-0328 and 14-0329) provides for the opening, closing and sale of certain streets and alleys in an adjacent block for the same purpose.

The Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 14-0331 provided the closing ordinance is approved by the Council.

Respectfully,

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STEVE SHARKEY  
DIRECTOR

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