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	Agency Name & Address	Department of Real Estate 304 City Hall		
	Subject	City Council Bill 013- 0184 Acquisition of Property- 4629 Liberty Heights Avenue.		

**To:** Honorable President and Members  
of the City Council  
C/o Karen Randle  
Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council  
400 City Hall

**Date:** February 18, 2013

As requested, we have reviewed the subject Bill which, if approved, would authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire, by purchase or condemnation, the fee simple or other interests in certain property known as 4629 Liberty Heights avenue (Ward 28, Section 3, Block 8297, lot 1) and needed for extinguishment of a restrictive covenant, and providing for a special effective date.

The property is situated at the southeast corner of the intersection of Liberty Heights and Gwynn Oak Avenues. Block 8297 consists of a total of eleven (11) individual lots, each of which is owned by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. The Block is bounded on the north by Liberty Heights Avenue, on the east by Hillside Avenue, on the south by Maine Avenue and on the west by Gwynn Oak Avenue. The block is to be used in the Development of a supermarket intended to serve the surrounding Howard Park community.

The current deed held by the Mayor and City Council includes a restrictive covenant which prohibits use of the subject property for the sale of pharmaceuticals or health/beauty aids on the site. These items are intended for sale in the proposed supermarket planned for the site. Therefore the City must acquire the current restriction with the intention of extinguishing it. The Bill ordains that the Department of Real Estate, or any other person or agency that the Board of Estimates designates, may negotiate and acquire on behalf of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore the fee simple or other interests in the lot and any improvements thereon.

The Department of Real Estate has no objections to the passage to City Council Bill 013- 0184, which is to take effect on the date it is enacted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Real Estate  
cc: Angela Gibson