



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner *AK*

Date: November 4, 2020

Re: City Council Bill 20-0501 City Streets - Closing - Air Rights over a Portion of the Public Right of Way of Rogers Alley

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0501 for the purpose of condemning and closing the air rights area over a portion of the public right of way of Rogers Alley, as shown on Plat 313-A-23A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 20-0501 would condemn the air rights for an overhead connection between two buildings on the 200 Block of East Redwood Street to support the ongoing operations of the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company Theater. The alley below the elevated walkway will remain open for access to surrounding properties. The Department of Planning recommended approval of City Council Bill 20-0501.

DHCD **does not object** to the passage of City Council Bill 20-0501.

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cc: Mr. Blendy, Nicholas, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*