



MEMORANDUM

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RAWLINGS-BLAKE,
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: May 15, 2013

Re: **City Council Bill 13-0197 – Sale of Property – 2400 Harman Avenue**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0197, which was introduced 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 2400 Harman Avenue (Block 7471, Lot 023) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

This bill, if enacted, would authorize the Mayor and City Council to sell the subject property, which is the site of the former School #156, Mount Winans Elementary School, and is no longer needed for public use. The subject property is located in the Mount Winans neighborhood, in an R-7 Zoning District, and has been vacant since 1997. HCD is currently moving forward with its plan to clear the site of its improvements, and passing this bill will allow HCD to move forward with its plan to sell the property so that the site may be redeveloped.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 13-0197.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliopé Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*

