



MEMORANDUM

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RAWLINGS-BLAKE,
Director

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Commissioner
of Housing and Community Development

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: December 4, 2010

Re: **City Council Bill 10-0612 - Sale of Property - 1119 Poplar Grove Street**

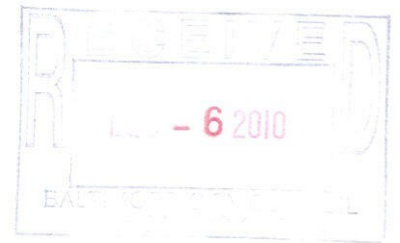
The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0612, which was introduced for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property known as 1119 Poplar Grove Street (Block 2388, Lot 030) and no longer needed for public use.

The subject property, 1119 Poplar Grove Street, is a vacant property located in the Winchester neighborhood. The proposed purchaser, Reverend Horace Smith, runs a program called GROUP Ministries that renovates properties into transitional housing for Re-Entry/Ex-Offenders. Rev. Smith already has privately purchased and rehabbed 2808 Edmondson Avenue. The subject property will be sold at the appraised value of \$5,000. The structure currently is in poor condition with boarded windows and doors. The rear of the subject property has no top exterior wall and the roof is partially collapsed. DHCD has received a letter from Alliance of Rosemont Community Organizations, Inc in support of this sale.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 10-0612.

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



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