



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner

Date: January 19, 2022

Re: City Council Bill 21-0183 Sale of Property - WS S Hanover Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0183 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 that is located at WS S Hanover Street, known as 1996 S Hanover Street, (Block 1028, 005D) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 21-0183 would allow for either the public or private sale of 1996 S Hanover Street, which may allow for redevelopment of this small underutilized lot in conjunction with adjacent parcels to create additional opportunities for the residents of South Baltimore.

DHCD supports the sale and the subsequent productive re-use of the presently vacant lot. The proposed sale of the property would not negatively impact any DHCD programs or plans as it falls outside any existing Impact Investment Areas, Major Redevelopment Projects or Community Development Zones. Approval of City Council Bill 21-0183 will allow the Department of Real Estate to negotiate the property sale and require the Board of Estimates to approve and finalize the disposition.

DHCD **supports** the passage of Council Bill 21-0183.

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cc: Ms. Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office of Government Relations