



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner

Date: December 6, 2022

Re: City Council Bill 22-0302 - Sale of Property – 2801 Harford Road; A Portion of Block 4199, Revised Lot 9

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0302 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 2801 Harford Road, and consisting of a portion of Block 4199, Revised Lot 9, and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date

If enacted, City Council Bill 22-0302 would allow for either the public or private sale of a portion of Block 4199, Revised Lot 9, which was a part of the former Lake Clifton Senior High School campus, located at 2801 Saint Lo Drive, to allow Morgan State University to use the property for an expansion of their campus.

The Department of Planning coordinates with City agencies for the disposition of surplus Baltimore City Schools. As part of the [21st Century Schools Initiative](#), Baltimore City Schools are required to [surplus 26 school buildings](#). The properties are all owned by the Mayor and City Council and are being surplus to the City over the next 10 years to determine re-use of each site. Resulting from this process, in 2020 DHCD's Development Division issued a public offering, an "Expressions of Interest (EOI)", for the subject property. DHCD worked in partnership with the Mayor's Office, the Department of Planning, the Comptroller's Office and the Department of General Services to promote the offering in order to identify an opportunity for redevelopment of the site, which was no longer needed for public use.

Morgan State University has been selected as the developer and plans to develop the site for an expansion of their campus which will serve as a resource for the community and as an anchor for the adjacent neighborhood. DHCD supports the productive re-use of the former Lake Clifton Senior High School.

DHCD **does not object** to the passage of Council Bill 22-0302 and recommends that the Bill be passed by the City Council.

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