



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: November 3, 2011

Re: **City Council Bill 11-0777 - City Streets - Closing - Certain Streets and Alleys Bounded by Sarah Ann Street, Poppleton Street, Fairmount Avenue, and Schroeder Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0777, which was introduced for the purpose of condemning and opening certain streets and alleys bounded by Sarah Ann Street, Poppleton Street, Fairmount Avenue, and Schroeder Street, as shown on Plat 329-A-21 in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

This bill, along with its companion opening ordinance (City Council Bill 11-0776), will result in the consolidation of the interior alleys on the blocks referenced and is required for implementation of Phase 1 of the Poppleton housing initiative. The closing and opening of the interior alleys will allow for a new site plan on these blocks to accommodate multi-story apartment buildings with first floor retail. The first phase includes the new construction of 465 rental units and approximately 100,000 square feet of retail space. Twenty percent of the new housing units will be affordable. The blocks are in the process of being cleared and will be ready for construction to begin next year.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 11-0777.

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

