



MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

DATE: August 14, 2014

RE: **City Council Bill 14-0422 - Sale of Property – 5000 Gwynn Oak Avenue**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0422, 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 5000 Gwynn Oak Avenue (Block 8308, Lot 001) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If this bill is enacted, it would authorize the Mayor and City Council to sell the surplus property at 5000 Gwynn Oak Avenue in the Howard Park neighborhood so it can be returned to productive use. It is an irregularly shaped lot within an R-2 Zoning District and is improved with a single story school annex building. The City acquired the property by a deed dated July 18th, 1969 from Ida E. Metcalfe for use by the school system until it was no longer needed and then transferred to HCD as surplus property. There is interest by a developer to purchase the lot for the construction of a new home in the community.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 14-0422.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Colin Tarbert, *Deputy Mayor*

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