



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner *AK*

Date: September 23, 2020

Re: City Council Bill 20-0537 Sale of Property - 3200 East Biddle Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0537 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 3200 East Biddle Street (Ward 26, Section 20, Block 6150A, Lot 004) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 20-0537 would authorize the sale of 3200 East Biddle Street for the use of office, vehicle and equipment storage, and allow BDC to enter into a land disposition agreement with a Baltimore based, minority-owned business.

An unsolicited bid was submitted to BDC in October 2019. After a public RFP process, and with no additional proposals received, Council Bill 20-0537 was introduced at the request of the Administration on behalf of the Baltimore Development Corporation, whom are in support of the Bill.

Planning staff determined that this property is no longer needed for public purposes, supports the legislation, and recommends approval. The property has been fenced and secure since demolition and DHCD supports the return of this property to productive reuse.

DHCD has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 20-0537.

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cc: Mr. Blendy, Nicholas, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*