



## MEMORANDUM

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

From: Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner

Date: May 26, 2022

**Re: City Council Bill 22-0240 - Sale of Property - 711 North Arlington Avenue (Block 0104, Portion of Lot 062)**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0240 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 located at 711 North Arlington Avenue (Block 0104, Portion of Lot 062) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 22-0240 would allow for either the public or private sale of 711 North Arlington Avenue. The property is zoned R-8 and owned by the Mayor and City Council and under the Department of Recreation and Parks.

The 1.22 acre site is one of 29 Harlem “Inner Block” Parks that once offered outdoor enjoyment opportunities in a courtyard setting for the surrounding residents on the 900 blk of Harlem Ave, 1000 blk of W Lanvale St. and 700 blk of N Freemount Ave. The majority of the homes that once surrounded the park have been demolished or are presently vacant. Prior to the voluntary maintenance provided by the adjacent assisted living facility, taken up over a decade ago, the site suffered from unsanitary conditions, high grass and weeds.

Approval of the sale would allow the N.M. Carroll Manor Nursing Home, located 701 N. Arlington, which directly abuts the parcel, to purchase 10,000 square feet of the parcel that is no longer needed for public use and continue to use the space for outdoor gardening and enjoyment as well as providing for the ongoing maintenance of the site.

DHCD supports the Administration’s disposition of the property which may further revitalization objectives. DHCD has undertaken significant demolition and code enforcement action in the surrounding area. This parcel is located within a DHCD Community Development Zone and is directly adjacent to the West Impact Investment Area.

We respectfully request a **favorable** report on Council Bill 22-0240.

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