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PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: September 23, 2008

Re: **City Council Bill 08-0168 City Streets - Opening - Certain Streets Lying Within the Middle East Urban Renewal Project**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0168, which was introduced for the purpose of condemning and opening certain streets lying within the Middle East Urban Renewal Project, bounded by Ashland Avenue, McDonogh Street, Chase Street, and Washington Street, as shown on Plat 348-A-80D in the Office of the Department of Public Works.

According to the Department of Public Works, a residential building was constructed using inaccurate survey dimensions. As a result, the building projects approximately 1.5 feet into the west side of the North Rutland Avenue public right-of-way, along the building's entire length. In order to remedy this error, a corresponding 1.5 foot width of right-of-way, between Ashland Avenue and East Eager Street, would need to be closed to public use. Furthermore, it is necessary to close North Chapel Street, between East Eager and East Chase Streets, as well as a 6 foot strip of right-of-way along both sides of North Rutland Avenue and a 5 foot strip of right-of-way along both sides of North Wolfe Street, between East Eager and East Chase Streets for further redevelopment purposes (listed in companion City Council Bill 08-0169).

City Council Bill 08-0168, if approved, would begin the closing process by opening the following rights-of-way to public use:

- North Rutland Avenue, between East Eager and East Chase Streets;
- North Rutland Avenue, between East Eager Street and Ashland Avenue;
- North Wolfe Street, between East Eager and East Chase Streets; and
- North Chapel Street, between East Eager and East Chase Streets.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0168.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
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