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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
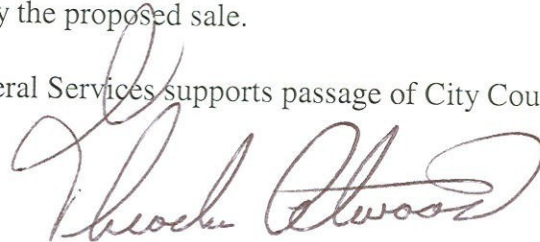c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 10-0596 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Baltimore Development Corporation).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property known as 1125 North Calvert Street (Ward 11, Section 12, Block 498, Lot 10) and no longer needed for public use.

The subject parcel is located on the northeast corner of N. Calvert Street and E. Biddle Street. The parcel measures approximately 154 feet by 84.5 feet and is improved with a four storey row house mansion containing approximately 18,093 square feet and known as the Inn at Government House. This historic structure was built in the 1880s and was donated to the City of Baltimore in 1939. Two adjoining row houses were purchased and incorporated as part of the overall office space. The mansion was restored in the mid-1980s, operated as an inn with 21 rooms, and served as the City's official guesthouse. Parking for up to 13 vehicles is provided on site.

In 2008 the City issued a Request for Proposals to purchase, lease or operate the facility. A respondent offered to purchase the facility and to redevelop the Inn as an historic bed and breakfast with a restaurant and event space. City Council Bill 10-0596, if approved, would authorize the sale of Inn at Government House. Having checked our records, there are no utility or other interests that would be affected by the proposed sale.

Based on these findings, the Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 10-0596.

Theodore Atwood
Director

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