



MEMORANDUM

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PAUL T. GRAZIANO,

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: May 7, 2014

Re: **City Council Bill 14 - 0354**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0354, which was introduced 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 1315-1327 Division Street (Block 0396, Lot 038) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

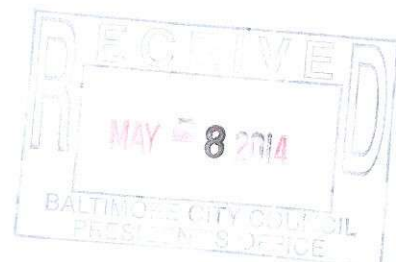
The property is located on the northeastern side of the street, northwest of the intersection with West Lanvale Street. The property is improved with a two-story building that was built in 1877 and originally used as a school until it was closed and transferred to HCD via the surplus process.

If City Council Bill 14-0354 is adopted it would allow HCD the authority to sell the vacant property through a competitive process. The competitive process would provide all interested parties an opportunity to submit offers and creative proposals for review to insure the highest and best use for redevelopment and compatibility with the neighborhood.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 14-0354.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Chief*



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