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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: August 6, 2009

Re: **City Council Bill 09-0334 Repeal of Franchise - Private Bridgeway
Above and Across the Bed of Hunter Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0334, which was introduced for the purpose of repealing Ordinance 05-31, approved May 16, 2005, which granted permission to Printers' Square Apartments Limited Partnership, to use and maintain a private enclosed bridgeway above and across the Hunter Street right-of-way.

The owners of Printer's Square Apartment, located at 1310 Guildford Avenue, are acquiring a portion of the street bed in the 1300 block of Hunter Street. The building is closing this portion of the street in order to create a private courtyard accessible only for the building's tenants. Two elevated and enclosed bridgeways connect the two portions of the building over the portion of Hunter Street that is being acquired. Consequently, once the street has been closed and purchased, the building owners would no longer need legislative permission to use the bridgeways since the structures would no longer transverse a public right-of-way.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 09-0334 and defers to the report of the Planning Commission for further comment.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
Ms. Diane Hutchins
Mr. Andrew Frank

