



## MEMORANDUM

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

From: Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner

Date: March 7, 2022

### **Re: City Council Bill 21-0182 - Sale of Property - 900-912 Baltic Avenue**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0182 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 900-912 Baltic Avenue (Block 7271, Lot 001) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 21-0182 would allow for either the public or private sale of 900-912 Baltic Avenue. The property is owned by the Mayor and City Council and currently subject to a vacant building notice. Approval of the sale and the subsequent abatement of the vacant building notice could support the productive reuse of the property.

City Council Bill 21-0182 has no fiscal impact on DHCD. We support the Administration's disposition of the property which may further revitalization objectives. The property is no longer serving a public use and rehabilitation of the property could create additional opportunities for industrial uses in the Brooklyn Community and Fairfield Area, as allowed in the I-2 zoning district.

We respectfully request a **favorable** report on Council Bill 21-0182.

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