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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 11-0729		

TO

DATE: July 19, 2011

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
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Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 11-0729 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

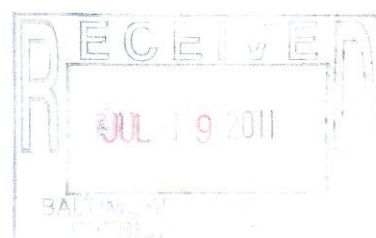
The purpose of the Bill is to condemn and close certain streets and alleys bounded by Hoffman Street, Proctor Street, East Preston Street, and Greenmount Avenue, as shown on Plat 321-A-32A prepared by the Survey Control Section and filed in the Office of the Department of General Services.

The Department of Housing and Community Development is requesting the opening and closing of Wirton Street and a 10-foot alley so that these public ways may be incorporated into adjoining City-owned properties. These rights-of-way are bounded by East Hoffman Street, Greenmount Avenue, a 10-foot alley parallel to and north of East Preston Street, and Proctor Street. The newly created site will provide a development footprint for a planned affordable housing project. The project will consist of a 4-story apartment building with 74 rental units of one-, two- and three-bedroom units. To be known as the Lillian Jones Apartments, the units will be affordable at 50% or below median income, with 14 units reserved for non-elderly persons with disabilities and 8 units reserved to meet the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards.

Companion legislation (City Council Bill 11-0728) would open these rights-of-way and City Council Bill 11-0729, if approved, would close Wirton Street and the 10-foot alley to public use. The rights-of-way to be opened and closed are described as follows:

- An approximately 38 foot wide by 245 foot long portion of Wirton Street, located perpendicular to and between East Hoffman Street and a 10-foot alley; and
- An approximately 10 foot wide by 245 long alley located perpendicular to and between East Hoffman Street and a 10-foot alley.

Municipal utilities not to be abandoned or relocated are protected under Sections 3, 4 and 6 of the legislation. A sanitary line will be relocated to an area along Greenmount Avenue to accommodate the proposed building.



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Based on these findings, the Department of General Services supports passage of City Council
Bill 11-0729.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Theodore Atwood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Theodore" and last name "Atwood" clearly distinguishable.

Theodore Atwood
Director

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