



## BALTIMORE HOUSING

SHEILA DIXON  
Mayor

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: October 17, 2008

Re: **City Council Bill 08-0199 Sale of Property - Portion of the Former  
Bed of Callendar Street**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0199, 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 a certain parcel of land known as the former bed of a portion of Callendar Street, contiguous to the east side thereof and extending from Baltimore Street, Southerly 137.4 feet, more or less, to Booth Street and no longer needed for public use.

The proposed legislation and its companion bills (City Council Bills 08-0197 and 08-0198) are components of the process to open, close, and authorize the sale of Callendar Street. The University of Maryland, Baltimore will be constructing a new medical research facility on the southeast corner of West Baltimore and South Poppleton Streets as part a 10 acre BioPark. The new building requires a portion of the footprint of Callendar Street, which necessitates the sale of the street.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0199.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson  
Mr. Demaune Millard

