



MEMORANDUM

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RAWLINGS-BLAKE,
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: May 30, 2013

Re: **City Council Bill 13-0177 – City Streets – Opening – Certain Streets and Alleys or Portions of Them Bounded by North Avenue, Warwick Avenue, Baker Street, and the CSX Transportation Inc. Railroad Right of Way**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0177, which was introduced for the purpose of condemning and opening certain streets and alleys or portions of them bounded by North Avenue, Warwick Avenue, Baker Street, and the CSX Transportation Inc. Railroad Right of Way, as shown on Plat 298-A-16 in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

This bill, if adopted, would condemn and open certain city-owned properties known as the former beds of certain streets and alleys or portions of them bounded by North Avenue, Warwick Avenue, Baker Street, and the CSX Transportation, Inc. Railroad Right of Way. These parcels are located in the Coppin State University area of the city and this legislation will help facilitate the construction of a new Science and Technology Center.

City Council Bill 13-0177, along with its companion legislation, City Council Bill 13-0178 and City Council Bill 13-0179, which would close certain city streets and authorize their sale, respectively, will allow for the entire site to be redeveloped as the new Science and Technology Center.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 13-0177.

PTG:nb

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliopé Parthemous, *Deputy Mayor*



No obj.