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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 14-0332</b>		

DATE: March 21, 2014

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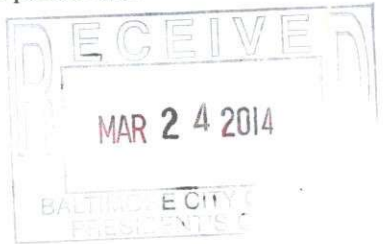
The Honorable President and Members  
 of the Baltimore City Council  
 c/o Karen Randle  
 Room 400 – City Hall

I am hereby reporting on City Council Bill 14-0332 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to condemn and close a portion of 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, extending from the eastern boundary line of Baltimore City westerly and southwesterly, as shown on Plat 331-A-30A in the Office of the Department of General Services.

A large collection of properties exist along the easterly side of 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, near that street's intersection with Pulaski Highway (U.S. Route 40) and adjacent to the eastern boundary of the City (properties known as Block 6220, Lots 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, and 42). The properties were part of the former Hollander Ridge public housing complex, which was demolished in 2000. The plan was to redevelop the site into an industrial/business park with industries, warehousing and a convenience store or similar use. Since the demolition one warehouse has been constructed and a convenience store was built at the corner of 62<sup>nd</sup> Street and Pulaski Highway. The properties were subsequently purchased by Hollander 95, LLC and a Planned Unit Development (PUD) was enacted under Ordinance 11-549. As part of the PUD approval, additional land uses were listed in the legislation to attract new tenants. A hotel/motel use is allowed only in a designated Area C. Dwelling units are not an allowable use in the PUD.

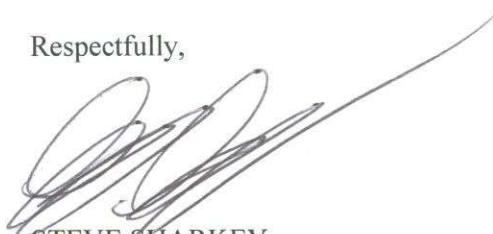
City Council Bill 14-0332, if approved, would close an approximately 60-foot wide right-of-way known as 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, from the street's entrance to the Hollander 95 property to its terminus within the property, a total of approximately 1.4 acres of land. The right-of-way serves only this property. By closing this right-of-way, the property owner would have more flexibility in developing and marketing the site. In particular, the closure would assist with the relocation of the H&S Bakery distribution center to the Hollander 95 business park. Sections 3, 4 and 5 of this legislation provide protection of and City access to any of its underground utilities not to be abandoned or relocated as a result of this proposed closure to public use.



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The Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 14-0332.

Respectfully,

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STEVE SHARKEY  
DIRECTOR

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