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DATE: February 12, 2009

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

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 08-0240 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the Bill is to condemn and open Pleasant Street, extending from St. Paul Place, easterly 223.9 feet, more or less, to Calvert Street, as shown on Plat 114-A-54 in the Office of the Department of Public Works.

Mercy Medical Center is constructing a state-of-the-art in-patient tower complex on the block bounded by St. Paul Place, Calvert Street, Orleans Street, and Pleasant Street. Completion of the project is projected to be the fall of 2010. Mercy Medical Center would like to connect this new facility to its existing parking garage via an underground tunnel beneath Pleasant Street. City Council Bill 08-0240 and companion legislation (City Council Bills 08-0241 and 08-242), if approved, would open Pleasant Street and close the subterranean rights to public use and authorize their sale.

The portion of Pleasant Street right-of-way proposed to be condemned and opened is located perpendicular to and between North Calvert Street and St. Paul Place and measures approximately 49.5 feet wide by 223.9 feet long.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 08-0240.

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