



# 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 13-0198 – Sale of Property – 890 Linden Avenue**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0198, which was introduced for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all or a portion of its interest in certain property known as 890 Linden Avenue (Block 501, Lots 37/38) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

This bill, if enacted, would authorize the sale of the city-owned property known as 890 Linden Avenue, which is located at the southwest corner of Linden Avenue and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. This triangle-shaped parcel was acquired by the Mayor and City Council in 2010, and is presently unimproved. It is the understanding of HCD that the property is needed for the redevelopment and expansion of Maryland General Hospital, as part of the land upon which the seven-story Ambulatory Care Center will be constructed.

Additionally, HCD has reviewed the technical corrective amendment proposed by the Department of Planning, and supports its adoption.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 13-0198, provided the technical amendment proposed by the Department of Planning is adopted.

PTG:nb

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

