



MEMORANDUM

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RAWLINGS-BLAKE,
PRESIDENT

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
& COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: December 13, 2010

Re: **City Council Bill 10-0595 - Sale of Property - 2 Parcels of Land Known as "Canal Parcel" and "Lot 3", Located in Ward 03, Section 7, Block 1816**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0595, 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 (1) a parcel of land known as "Canal Parcel", located in Ward 03, Section 07, Block 1816, consisting of approximately 0.317 acres of land, and (2) a parcel of land known as "Lot 3", located in Ward 03, Section 7, Block 1816, a portion of Lots 002 and 003, consisting of approximately 0.149 acres, and no longer needed for public use.

The subject properties were formerly part of a canal that the City filled in during the 1990's. City Council Bill #10-0595, if approved, would authorize the City to quit-claim any interest it may have in the former canal parcels and therefore transfer their ownership to the adjacent property owner, Honeywell International. This would facilitate their future incorporation into the neighboring Harbor Point mixed-use development project.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 10-0595.

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

