



MEMORANDUM

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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: September 27, 2010

Re: **City Council Bill 10-0579 - City Streets - Closing - Bruce Street and 2 10-Foot Alleys Lying Within the Penn North Housing and Community Development Project**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0579, which was introduced for the purpose of condemning and closing (1) Bruce Street, extending from Clifton Avenue, Southerly and Southeasterly 400.4 feet, more or less, (2) a 10-foot alley located on the west side of Bruce Street, distant 106.0 feet, more or less, southerly from Clifton Avenue, and extending westerly 52.0 feet, more or less, and (3) a 10-foot alley located on the east side of Bruce Street, distant 82.0 feet, more or less, southerly from Clifton Avenue, and extending easterly 35.0 feet, more or less, and lying within the Penn North Housing and Community Development Project.

DHCD awarded Penn North Partners, LLC the right to develop rental housing on the west side of the 2600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, between Clifton Avenue and Retreat Street. The project, presently under construction, will be called Penn Square and will largely consist of 91 garden style dwelling units and a daycare facility. The developer is requesting closure and sale of a portion of Bruce Street and two 10-foot alleys so that these rights-of-way may be incorporated into the new development site.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 10-0579.

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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*

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