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Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: November 12, 2009

Re: **City Council Bill 09-0404 - Sale of Property - 2306-2308 Riggs Avenue
and 2950-2966 Mosher Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0404, 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 certain properties that are known as 2306-2308 Riggs Avenue and 2950-2966 Mosher Street and are no longer needed for public use.

City Council Bill 09-0404 would authorize the sale of two properties collectively referred to as the "Byrd" properties (the name of the deceased former owner) which were acquired at HUD foreclosure auctions. Each of these former apartment buildings was a blighting influence on their surrounding community and all structures have since been razed leaving only vacant lots ready for redevelopment.

Once the sales ordinances have been approved, DHCD will dispose of the properties in accordance with the terms of the Contract of Sale with HUD. It is anticipated that separate RFP/RFQ's will be issued for each property and all of the RFP/RFQ's will require residential use and mixed-income developments.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 09-0404.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Diane Hutchins, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Andrew Frank, *First Deputy Mayor*

