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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill #08-0088 – Sale of Property – 712 Cathedral Street		

**TO** DATE: May 6, 2008

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
Room 400, City Hall

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Bill #08-0088 has been introduced for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sales, all its interest in certain property located at 712 Cathedral Street (Block 0523, Lot 003) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The subject property is currently utilized by the Baltimore School for the Arts (BSA), founded in 1979 as part of the Baltimore Public Schools System. The BSA offers a four year high school program that prepares students for admission to art schools, liberal arts colleges and professional companies. Upon its inception, the BSA was housed at 712 Cathedral Street in the building formerly known as the Alcazar Hotel. In 2005 the adjacent improved property at 704 Cathedral Street was consolidated as part of 712 Cathedral Street. The BSA is interested in renovating and connecting both structures.

The Department of Public Works reports that it has no utility or other interests that would be affected by the proposed sale, and the Parking Authority has reported that its administered parking programs would not be negatively impacted by the proposed sale.

Inasmuch as the property is no longer needed for public use and subject to the findings of the Department of Public Works and the Parking Authority, the Department of Finance has no objection to passage of Council Bill #08-0088.

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