



**BALTIMORE
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Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO
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 09-0382 - Sale of Property - Portion of 1900 Argonne Drive, Lot 2A, Block 5387 and a Portion of Lot 2, Block 5387**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0382, 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 parcels of land known as a portion of 1900 Argonne Drive, Lot 2A, Block 5387 and a portion of Lot 2, Block 5387 and are no longer needed for public use.

City Council Bill 09-0382, if approved, would complete the final steps of a land swap between the City and Morgan State University. This exchange is necessary to facilitate the realignment of an east side campus roadway known as Perimeter Road. The road, which runs north to south between Cold Spring Lane and Argonne Drive, presently empties out through a parking lot west of the Northeast Police District Station on the northern side of Argonne Drive. The University intends to reposition the access road to the east of the police station and opposite McCallum Drive.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 09-0382.

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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*

