

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the City Council

c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Christine Griffin, Deputy Director of Policy and Government Relations, Office of the

Comptroller

Date: June 25, 2024

Re: CCB 24-0538 Sale of Property – 411 East Cold Spring Lane

Position: Favorable

The Department of Real Estate (DORE) is herein reporting on City Council bill 24-0538 Sale of Property – 411 East Cold Spring Lane, which is for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in the property that is located at 411 East Cold Spring Lane (Block 5070A, Lot 022) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Background

As part of the 21st Century Schools Initiative, Baltimore City Schools must surplus 26 school buildings owned by the Mayor and City Council over the next ten years to determine the reuse of each site. In accordance with this Initiative, the City is proposing to sell the property at 411 East Cold Spring Lane, formerly known as Guilford Elementary School. The facility is currently unoccupied but is set to be awarded to Midtown Academy, a Baltimore City Charter school currently located in Bolton Hill and looking for a permanent location for their expanding program.

Ordinance

A City ordinance is necessary to authorize the sale of 411 East Cold Spring Lane.

The Department of Real Estate respectfully requests a favorable report on City Council Bill 24-0538.