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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 14-0429		

TO DATE: September 17, 2014

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 14-0429 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of this Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel of land known as the former bed of Wills Street, extending from Philpot Street southerly 477.0 feet, more or less, to the end thereof (Ward 03, Section 07, Block 1815) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The subject parcel, an unimproved lot, is located within the Harbor Point Planned Unit Development, which was last amended by Ordinance 13-136. The design guidelines and open space plans for this PUD show this portion of the former Wills Street as part of a pedestrian pathway which will lead to the planned Waterfront Park, one of five planned community green spaces on the site.

In checking the City's utility records, there are sewer and conduit facilities crossing the parcel. This Bill requires that the sale be subject to a full width Perpetual Easement for all Municipal Utilities and Services, not to be abandoned, over the subject parcel of land.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports the passage of City Council Bill 14-0429 with the understanding that easements for these utilities will need to be recorded in the deed of sale so the City may continue to access and maintain them.

Sincerely,

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