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CITY of BALTIMORE

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May 3, 2013

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

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 13-0217 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the 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 Howil Terrace, laid out contiguous to the north outline of the property known as 5928 York Road and extending from York Road westerly 138.0 feet, more or less, to a 10-foot alley laid out in the rear of the properties known as 5926 and 5928 York Road, and no longer needed for public use.

Mr. Pietro Ruggolo is the owner and operator of Jerry's Belvedere Tavern and Restaurant (5926/5928 York Road). The restaurant is located on the west side of York Road, just south of its intersection with Northern Parkway. Howil Terrace is adjacent to the north property line of the restaurant. Mr. Ruggolo would like to purchase the portion of Howil Terrace adjacent to his property. Companion legislation (City Council Bill 13-0216) would condemn and close the right-of-way to public use. Mr. Ruggolo plans to use the former right-of-way to improve the entrance to his restaurant and to provide outdoor seating for his customers.

The portion of Howil Terrace proposed to be closed and sold measures approximately 15 feet by 138 feet by 17 feet by 132.6 feet. Any utilities not to be relocated or abandoned would be subject to a full width perpetual easement.

The Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 13-0217 provided the closing ordinance is approved.

Respectfully,

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