



## MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner



Date: March 8, 2022

### **Re: City Council Bill 22-0201 - Sale of Property - 4601 East Monument Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0201 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 property that is located at 4601 East Monument Street (Block 6469, Lot 001F) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 22-0201 would allow for either the public or private sale of 4601 East Monument Street. The property is owned by the Mayor and City Council and currently subject to a vacant building notice. Former uses of the property include a hotel and a homeless shelter. The property has active demolition permits. Approval of the sale and the subsequent abatement of the vacant building notice could support the productive reuse of the property.

City Council Bill 22-0201 has no fiscal impact on DHCD. We support the Administration's disposition of the property which may further revitalization objectives. The property is no longer serving a public use and rehabilitation of the property could create additional opportunities for industrial uses in the Orangeville Area, as allowed in the I-2 zoning district.

We respectfully request a **favorable** report on Council Bill 22-0201.

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*cc: Ms. Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office of Government Relations*