



BALTIMORE HOUSING

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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: October 17, 2008

Re: **City Council Bill 08-0152 City Streets - Opening - Certain Streets
Lying Within the Area Bounded by Patterson Avenue - Parr Avenue -
Spring Avenue and the CSX Transportation, Inc. Railroad Right-of-
Way**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0152, which was introduced for the purpose of condemning and opening (1) Vincennes Avenue, extending from Patterson Avenue, Northwesterly 505.0 feet, more or less, to Ridge Avenue, (2) Ridge Avenue, extending from the Armstrong Avenue, Northeasterly 275.6 feet, more or less, to Vincennes Avenue, and (3) Armstrong Avenue, extending from Ridge Avenue, Northwesterly 475.0 feet, more or less, to Spring Avenue, as shown on Plat 114-A-30 in the Office of the Department of Public Works.

Brighton Development, LLC proposes to build thirty single-family homes on properties bounded by Patterson, Parr and Spring Avenues. The discovery of an unrecorded subway easement for the Maryland Transit Administration may impede the project because the easement prohibits development or construction upon it. The Department of Transportation proposes to remedy this situation by realigning and extending Vincennes Avenue in order to create a better layout for the site. Accordingly, the realignment necessitates an opening and closing of portions of the rights-of-way.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0152.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
Mr. Demaune Millard

