



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner

Date: October 17, 2022

Re: City Council Bill 22-0272 - Sale of Property - 2333 East Chase Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0272 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 2333 East Chase Street (Block 1572; Lot 036) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

DHCD strategically acquires, manages, and disposes of real property to create housing and economic development opportunities for Baltimore's neighborhoods. DHCD's Development Division is tasked with disposing of City owned real property on behalf of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City.

DHCD uses RFP's to seek developers or development teams for large scale projects that require extensive experience in urban revitalization initiatives, a proven track record of community partnerships, and financial and organizational capacity to successfully implement and complete complex redevelopment projects within a timely period.

If enacted, City Council Bill 22-0272 would allow for either the public or private sale of 2333 East Chase Street. The property is estimated at 3.74 acres and is located in the Biddle Street neighborhood in the 13th District. The property is zoned R-8. The cleared site was formerly the Dr. Raynor Brown Elementary School, the building was demolished in 2021. The community has been informed of DHCD's intention to sell and Councilman Glover has been briefed. The property is currently listed in the Fall 2022 RFP and we anticipate a good response to the offering.

DHCD supports the Administration's disposition of the property as the site is no longer needed for public use.

We respectfully request a **favorable** report on Council Bill 22-0272.

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

Brandon M. Scott, Mayor • **Alice Kennedy**, Housing Commissioner