



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner

Date: August 29, 2023

Re: City Council Bill 23-0384 - Sale of Property - 14 - 18 Light Street (7 East Redwood Street)

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 23-0384 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 14 - 18 Light Street (Block 0660, Lots 0001 and 003A), also known as 7 East Redwood Street, and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 23-0384 would allow for either the public or private sale of 14 - 18 Light Street. The above grade living area is estimated at 184,275 SF and is improved by an office building built in 1905. The property is located in Downtown Baltimore in the 11th Council District and is zoned C-5TO.

The property is located within a Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) District and is located within the Central Business District Urban Renewal Plan (URP) area, which may subject the property to additional requirements for any future changes to the building. The property does not lie within any of DHCD's Impact Investment Areas, Community Development Zones or Streamlined Code Enforcement Areas. DHCD supports the disposition of the property as the site is no longer needed for public use.

DHCD does **not object** to the passage of Council Bill 23-0384.

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