

## **Support for City Council bill 23-0471 Sale of Property – 3000 Highman Avenue**

Dear Chair Costello and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Elaine Delp and I own the home adjacent to 3000 Highman Avenue. I have maintained the vacant lot at 3000 Highman Avenue for over 25 years, using it as a yard and garden and access point to the rear of my property. I am asking you to please consider the following reasons for allowing the sale of 3000 Highman Avenue:

- Per the title report by Esquire Henry Lewis, this parcel was obtained by the Mayor and City Council at tax sale in 1945.
- There is no foreseeable use of this property by the City of Baltimore.
- The first 10 feet along the front of the property at 3000 Highman Avenue is titled to me - Elaine Delp - meaning the lot does not have ingress/egress from the street. It is landlocked. The City of Baltimore could acquire access through eminent domain, but without access, it is of little value to the general population.
- All the surrounding neighbors are amicable and support me purchasing this property and continuing to maintain it as a yard and garden space.
- I have no plans to ever develop this property.

I respectfully ask you to pass City Council bill 23-0471 and allow the sale of 3000 Highman Avenue.

Sincerely,

Elaine Delp