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DATE:

August 22, 2008

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council Room 400, City Hall

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Bill #08-0149 has been introduced 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 located at 101 South Ellwood Avenue (Block 1752, Lot 1/54) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The subject property is the former Highlandtown Middle School. Currently vacant and comprised of approximately 259,000 gross square feet, the structure is located in the Highlandtown/Patterson Park National Register Historic District community. In May 2008, the Department of Housing and Community Development issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to redevelop the site; the proposals are due August 29, 2008.

The Department of Real Estate has reported favorably on this Bill subject to the terms of the RFP, and the Parking Authority has reported that its administered parking programs would not be negatively impacted by the proposed sale.

The sale and redevelopment of this property will generate future revenue for the City.

The Department of Finance supports passage of Council Bill 08-0149.

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