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PAUL T. GRAZIANO,

To:

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From:

Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date:

March 9, 2012

Re:

City Council Bill 12-0022 - Sale of Properties - 1801 East Oliver Street and 1731 Llewelyn

Avenue

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0022, which was 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 properties known as 1801 East Oliver Street (Ward 08, Section 10, Block 1495, Lot 001) and 1731 Llewelyn Avenue (Ward 08, Section 10, Block 1494, Lot 101) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

This bill would authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell the subject properties; East Baltimore Development, Inc. (EBDI), Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition (HEBCAC) and Cross Street Partners LLC (CSP) propose to redevelop the site as the East Baltimore Farm and Food Center (EBFFC), which is to be an anchor location that is part of a larger healthy food project in historic East Baltimore. The project, called the Baltimore Food Collaborative will house a group of food-related businesses, services and programs focused on rebuilding Baltimore's local food economy. This sales ordinance will authorize for the disposition of the properties and for the implementation of this specific development project.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 12-0022.

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cc:

Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office of Government Relations

Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, Deputy Mayor

