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DATE: February 12, 2013

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o Karen Randle Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 13-0177 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to condemn and open certain streets and alleys or portions of them bounded by North Avenue, Warwick Avenue, Baker Street, and the CSX Transportation Inc. Railroad Right-of-way, as shown on Plat 298-A-16 in the Office of the Department of General Services.

The Coppin State University is constructing a new Science and Technology Center building as part of the University's Facilities Master Plan. The approximately 152,305 square foot building is planned to address critical needs in science and related disciplines, provide a campus data center and general classroom space. The building will be located at the southwest corner of West North Avenue and North Warwick Avenue. The site is currently supporting a temporary surface parking lot and includes vacant townhouses. City Council Bill 13-0177, if approved, would condemn and open the following portions of rights-of-way to public use:

- An approximately 66 foot wide by 1,071.8 foot long portion of Thomas Avenue, located perpendicular to and between Baker Street and West North Avenue;
- An approximately 66 foot wide by 115 foot long portion of Presbury Street, located perpendicular to and between Thomas Avenue and a 10 foot alley;
- An approximately 66 foot wide by 100 foot long portion of Whitmore Avenue, located perpendicular to the south side of West North Avenue and adjacent to the property known as 2551/2553 West North Avenue; and
- An approximately 20 foot by 80 foot by 10 foot by 30 foot by 10 foot by 110 foot portion of Presbury Street, located perpendicular to and between North Warwick Avenue and a 10 foot alley.

Companion legislation would condemn and close certain rights-of-way (City Council Bill 13-0178) and authorize the sale of the former street and alley beds (City Council Bill 13-0179). The portions of streets and alleys to be opened, closed, and sold are to accommodate the new Science and Technology Center building.



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The Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 13-0177.

Respectfully,

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