



MEMORANDUM

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RAWLINGS-BLAKE,

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: April 29, 2014

Re: **City Council Bill 14 - 0328**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0328, which was introduced for the purpose of condemning and closing certain streets and alleys bounded by Guilford Avenue, East 21st Street, Barclay Street, and East 20th Street (Ward 12, Section 12, Block 3806), as shown on Plat 91-A-53B in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

City Council Bill 14-0328, if approved, along with companion City Council Bills 14-0327 and 14-0329, would close streets and alleys that are not longer needed for public purposes and authorize their sale to facilitate the continued phased revitalization of the Barclay and Old Goucher neighborhoods by Telesis Corporation. The phased development will transform the neighborhood into a stable, mixed-income community with quality open spaces, community facilities and employment opportunities.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 14-0328.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Chief*

