

MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

FROM:

Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

DATE:

August 5, 2014

RE:

City Council Bill 14-0405 - Sale of Property - 700 North Eutaw Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0405, 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 known as 700 North Eutaw Street (Ward 11, Section 08, Block 500, Lot 009) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for aspecial effective date.

If this bill is enacted, it would authorize the sale of a vacant property for redevelopment as six artists' studios with a café and market on the ground floor. The property at 700 N. Eutaw Street is a historic former firehouse in the Seton Hill neighborhood. The property was awarded to Property Consulting, Inc. in October, 2011 through a Request for Proposal process in March, 2011.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 14-0405.

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cc:

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

Mr. Colin Tarbert, Deputy Mayor



