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	Subject	City Council Bill 14-0423 Sale of Property – 720 Pennsylvania Avenue		

**To:** Honorable President and Members of the City Council c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary Room 409 – City Hall

As requested, the Department of Real Estate has reviewed the subject bill, which if approved, would authorize the Mayor and City Council to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain property known as 720 Pennsylvania Avenue (Block 544, Lot 002), and no longer needed for public use. Please note that the Lot number in City Council Bill 14-0423 is incorrect, Lot 022 should be Lot 002)

The proposed irregularly-shaped vacant lot being approximately 1.103 acres is located in the Orchard-Biddle Neighborhood with an R-9 zoning. This vacant lot is used as open space and surrounds a portion of the Orchard Garden apartment complex. The owners of Orchard Gardens have been maintaining the grounds of the subject property and as a result are in interested in the acquisition of this property.

The Department of Real Estate supports the passage of this legislation subject to the correction of the lot number and recordation of the easements for utilities as reported by the Department of Public Works.

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cc: Ms. Angela C. Gibson

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