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December 16, 2014

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o Natawna Austin

Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 14-0461 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property known as the former beds of a 3-foot alley and a 4-foot alley in the area bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, and Huntingdon Avenue, and no longer needed for public use.

City Council Bill 14-0461 would authorize the sale of the former beds of two alleys in the Remington community. The subject alley beds are a 4 foot by 70 foot alley located to the rear of the property known as 317 West 29th Street; and a 3 foot by 41.75 foot alley located between the properties known as 317 and 329 West 29th Street, terminating at the property known as 2845 Huntingdon Avenue. The owner of 329 West 29th Street, HKMJB Investments LLC, operates a liquor store business at this location. The 3-foot alley runs between this business and the store's parking lot and the 4-foot alley bisects the parking lot. HKMJB Investments LLC owns the parking lot (two parcels known as 317 West 29th Street and 2824 Fox Street) and would like to consolidate the alleys with these properties. Companion legislation would open and close these alleys to public use, a required step before authorizing the sale of the alley beds (City Council Bills 14-0460 and 14-0459 respectively). The owner of 2845 Huntingdon Avenue whose property abuts a portion of the 3-foot alley has consented to the alley closure.

The Department of Public Works does not have any utilities located in these alleys and therefore, has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 14-0461.

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Sincerely,

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