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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 15-0518		

TO

DATE: April 29, 2015

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 15-0518 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of this bill is to condemn and open 2 10-foot alleys between Lafayette Avenue, Lanvale Street, Barclay Street, and Greenmount Avenue, as shown on Plat 202-A-61 in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

The subject alleys are located in the Greenmount West neighborhood, between North Avenue to the north, the Jones Falls Expressway to the south, and the Greenmount Cemetery to the east. The first of the alleys is located to the rear of the properties known as 1702 through 1723 Brentwood Avenue and the second of the alleys is located to the rear of the properties known as 1701 through 1723 Brentwood Avenue.

The Department of Housing and Community Development owns the properties adjacent to the subject portions of the right-of-way and is consolidating the properties for redevelopment. Through a Request for Proposal process, they awarded the site to a team of developers consisting of Homes for America, The Reinvestment Fund (TRF) and Jubilee Baltimore. This development team previously completed artist housing and townhomes in the 1500 block of Greenmount Avenue known as City Arts. They have plans to develop the newly-consolidated parcels to be City Arts II, which will contain a 60-unit apartment building, five for-sale townhomes, and a small open space area.

Brentwood Street, which runs through the development site, will remain open. The properties adjacent to the alleys to be closed are owned by the City and therefore the alleys are no longer needed for a public purpose and can be closed, declared surplus property and sold.

Based on these findings, the Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 15-0518.

Respectfully,



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DIRECTOR

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