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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 15-0520		

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 15-0520 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

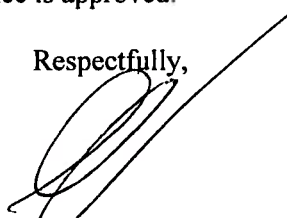
The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land known as the former beds of 2 10-foot alleys between Lafayette Avenue, Lanvale Street, Barclay Street, and Greenmount Avenue and no longer needed for public use; 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 know 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 alleys and plans to consolidate them for redevelopment. Through a Request for Proposal process, they awarded the site to a team of developers that plans to construct artist housing on the site, to be known as City Arts II. A utility investigation has been completed and the developer at their cost and expense will relocate or abandon City-owned utilities.

Based on these findings, the Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 15-0520 provided that the closing ordinance is approved.

Respectfully,

  
 STEVE SHARKEY  
 DIRECTOR

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