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PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: June 10, 2015

Re: **City Council Bill 15-0490 - City Streets - Opening – Air Rights over a Portion of Lovegrove Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0490, for the purpose of condemning and opening the Air Rights area over a portion of Lovegrove Street, extending northerly 100 feet from the north side of East Lanvale Street, as shown on Plat 227-A-23 in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill would authorize the condemnation and opening of the Air Rights over a portion of Lovegrove Street to support mixed used development near the northeast corner of North Charles Street and East Lanvale Street. Companion bill 15-0491 would authorize the condemning and closing of the Air Rights and companion bill 15-0492 would authorize the sale of the Air Rights over a portion of Lovegrove Street.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 15-0490.

PTG:sd

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Colin Tarbert, *Deputy Mayor*

