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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: July 29, 2015

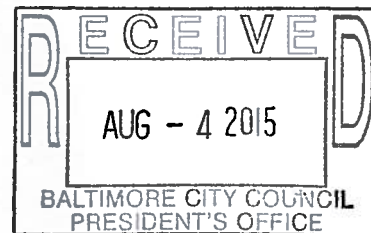
Re: **City Council Bill 15-0536 - Sale of Property – Former Bed of Worcester Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0536 for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel of land known as the former bed of Worcester Street, extending from CSX Transportation Railroad Right-of-Way toward Ridgely Street, and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill, which is a companion bill to CC bill 15-0535 (Closing – Worcester Street), would allow the sale of the former bed of Worcester Street. The 1400 Hull Street, LLC currently owns various properties in the 1800 block of Worcester Street and is in the process of purchasing other adjacent privately and publicly owned properties to support the expansion of an existing local business.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 15-0536.

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

