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City Council Bill #16-0665 - Sale of Property -Former Bed of Sinclair Lane and Certain Streets Lying

Within Orchard Ridge (Formerly Freedom and Claremont Homes Project)

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May 19, 2016

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council Room 400, City Hall

Attention: Ms. Natawna Austin

City Council Bill 16-0665 has been introduced 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 property known as the former bed of Sinclair Lane extending from Clareway easterly approximately 731.1 feet to its north easternmost extremity; and certain streets lying within the former Freedom and Claremont Homes Project, now known as Orchard Ridge, and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The property referenced above would be sold to the Housing Authority of Baltimore (HABC) for use in developing 65 rental housing units. During development of the former Freedom and Claremont Homes project, several street beds were transferred to HABC for use as public roads. Subsequent redevelopment on the Orchard Ridge project required the closure of several of these public roads; however, the street beds were never formerly transferred to HABC. Council Bill 16-0665 would convey the necessary street beds to HABC, allowing the Orchard Ridge project to finalize development.

Based on the above findings, and a review of agency roponses, the Department of Finance has no objection to the passage of Council Bill 16-0665.

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