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Mayor

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 8, 2016

Re: **City Council Bill 16-0681 City Streets - Closing - A Portion of West Franklin Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0681, for the purpose of condemning and closing a portion of West Franklin Street, extending from Allendale Street easterly 105 feet to the east side of a 15-foot alley and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this companion bill would be part of the process to allow for the sale of land that is currently being used as a parking lot to serve the residents of The Allendale public housing development. The developer and new owner of The Allendale, which is part of the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program, would like to purchase the property so it can continue to use the land as a free parking lot to serve the residents. The property is located at 3600 W. Franklin Street in the 8th City Council District.

The companion bill is City Council bill 16-0682 – Sale of property – the Former Bed or a Portion of West Franklin Street.

The Department of Housing and Community Development encourages a favorable report and supports the passage of City Council Bill 16-0681.

PTG:sd

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

