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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 8, 2016

Re: **City Council Bill 16-0685 – Sale of Property – The Former Beds of Henneman Avenue, a 10-Foot Alley, and a 20-foot Alley**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0685, for the purpose of authorizing 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 Henneman Avenue, of a 10-foot alley, and of a 20-foot alley, bounded by East Biddle Street, North Wolfe Street, East Chase Street, and Rutland Avenue and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this companion bill would be part of the street and alley way closure process necessary for the sale of land, that is no longer needed for public use, to support the development of a 6-acre, 3-block linear park in East Baltimore. The park will provide a safe and secure environment for individual recreation as well as a venue for programmed outdoor events such as farmer's markets, concerts, and summer movie nights. The property is part of the EBDI development area in the 12th City Council district.

The companion bills are 16-0683, City Streets – Opening – The Beds of Henneman Avenue and a 10-Foot Alley; and 16-0684, City Streets – Closing - The Beds of Henneman Avenue, a 10-Foot Alley, and a 20-Foot Alley.

The Department of Housing and Community Development strongly supports the passage of City Council Bill 16-0685.

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

