The Baltimore City Department of HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner MEQ

Date: October 11, 2017

Re: City Council Bill 17-0134- City Streets - Opening - North Castle Street and 8 Alleys of

Varying Widths Lying Between East Eager Street, North Chester Street, Ashland Street,

and North Washington Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0134, for the purpose of condemning and closing North Castle Street and 8 alleys of varying widths lying between East Eager Street, North Chester Street, Ashland Avenue, and North Washington Street, as shown on Plat 304-A-7A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill, a companion bill to CC 17-0135 (City Streets – Closing - North Castle Street...), would open North Castle Street and 8 alleys as part of the process necessary to close the street and alleys to support a major redevelopment project in the Middle East neighborhood.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 17-0134.

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cc: Ms. Karen Stokes, Mayor's Office of Government Relations Mr. Kyron Banks, Mayor's Office of Government Relations

