The Baltimore City Department of HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Bernard C. "Jack" Young, Council

President

From: Michael Braverman, Commissioner

Date: December 4, 2018

Re: Sale of Property – 732 W. Lexington Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is requesting that legislation be introduced by the Administration 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 property known as 732 West Lexington Street (Block 0586, Lot 002).

The Archdioceses of Baltimore has submitted a proposal to purchase and redevelop the vacant lot as part of a new pre-k through 8th grade Catholic elementary school. The educational facility will have 65,000 square feet across 3 levels, including 27 classrooms, a gym, a full service kitchen, a media center and maker spaces. Councilman Eric Costello - 11th District is aware of the proposed development and has expressed his support for the plan.

The requested legislation has been coordinated with the Department of Legislative Reference, and a draft copy is included as an attachment. We would appreciate if the bill could be introduced at the December 6th, 2018 meeting of the Baltimore City Council.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Tyrell Dixon, (443) 984-4579.

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CC: Karen Stokes, Mayor's Office of Government Relations Kyron Banks, Mayor's Office of Government Relations

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INTRODUCTORY*

CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development)

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Sale of Property – 732 West Lexington Street

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 property known as 732 West Lexington Street (Block 0586, Lot 002) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

BY authority of

Article II - General Powers Section 15(c) Baltimore City Charter (1996 Edition)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That, in accordance with Article II, § 15(c) of the City Charter, the Commissioner of Housing and Community Development may sell, at either public or private sale, all the interest of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore in the property known as 732 West Lexington Street (Block 0586, Lot 002), and more particularly described as follows:

The subject parcel (Block 0586, Lot 002) is an unimproved parcel of land located in the Poppleton Urban Renewal Area, consisting of approximately 63,641 square feet, more or less.

This property being no longer needed for public use.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That no deed may pass under this Ordinance unless the deed has been approved by the City Solicitor.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is enacted.

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