



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 *MB*

Date: December 24, 2019

Re: **City Council Ordinance 19-0448 Sale of Property - 801 Braddish Avenue**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0448 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 801 Braddish Avenue (Block 2373, Lot 001) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, Council ordinance 19-0448 will make way for the Empowerment Academy Charter School to purchase the property formerly known as Lafayette Elementary School #202, which was declared surplus property by the Space Utilization Committee on June 14, 2005.

DHCD sees building from strengths as an important tool for community development. The site is overlapped by two INSPIRE schools; Calverton Elementary/Middle School & James Mosher Elementary School. The sale of 801 Braddish Avenue is an opportunity to help to stabilize the community and anchor future redevelopment.

DHCD **supports** the passage of Council Ordinance 19-0448.

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cc: Mr. Blendy, Nicholas, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*