



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

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5/1/20

Date: April 30, 2020

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0438 City Streets - Closing - North Durham Street and a 16-Foot Alley**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0438 for the purpose of condemning and closing North Durham Street, extending from East Eager Street Northerly 433 feet, more or less, to the south side of East Chase Street; and a 16-foot alley, extending from the west side of North Durham Street 136.8 feet, more or less, to the west side of North Wolfe Street, as shown on Plat 341-A-45A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted Council Bill 19-0438 will support larger community development efforts within the East Baltimore Development Initiative (EDBI). DHCD does not anticipate a fiscal or operational impact from the passage of Council Bill 19-0438.

The closing and consolidation of the alleys will lead to redevelopment of the Block. DHCD **supports** the passage of Council Bill 19-0438 and companion Bill 19-0437 and recommends that the Bill be passed by the City Council.

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