

Subject:

<u>Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement</u>

Council Resolution No. 124-2014 authorizing the County Executive to convey certain real property owned by the County known as Parcel A, containing approximately 3.0 acres to the Howard County Housing Commission; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey

the land if he finds that the land may have a further public use.

To:

Lonnie R. Robbins,

Chief Administrative Officer

From:

James M. Irvin, Director

Department of Public Work

Date:

November 25, 2014

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for preparation of testimony relative to conveying certain real property owned by the County containing approximately 3.0 acres to the Howard County Housing Commission.

The County owns a parcel of land known as Parcel No. 59 on Tax Map 47 comprising 8.1041 acres, acquired by deed dated July 25, 2013 recorded in Liber 15118, Folio 113 in the Land Records for Howard County, Maryland (the "County Property").

The Howard County Housing Commission (the "Commission") proposes to construct a day resource center and small efficiency apartments on a portion of the County Property. By passage of Council Resolution No. 36-2014, the Council approved the conveyance of 1.7386 acres of the County Property to the Commission for this purpose. The Commission subsequently determined, however, that the County Property's zoning requires a minimum of 3 acres for the proposed use. Accordingly, more acreage is needed than what was approved in CR 36-2014.

The Commission has therefore requested that a portion of the County Property shown as Parcel A on a subdivision plat titled "Day Resource Center, Parcels A-C" and containing 3.0 acres be conveyed to the Commission.

The Department of Public Works has reviewed and approves the proposed conveyance of the County Property.

There is no fiscal impact to the County at this time.

Representatives of this department will be present at the public hearing to answer any questions or concerns. If you require any further information concerning this matter or have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

CC:

Jennifer Sager Thomas P. Carbo

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