Mayor Scott Response

Case # 21-0002-I

CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON M. SCOTT, Mayor



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Ms. Isabel Mercedes Cumming Inspector General, Baltimore City 100 North Holliday Street, Suite 635 Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Inspector General Cumming,

I am responding to a report on Baltimore City Office of Inspector General (OIG) case number 21-0002-on behalf of Mayor Brandon Scott.

I concur with your conclusion that the Right of Entry (ROE) was violated by the City's tenants, but did not violate the City Charter in regards to the sale of Langston Hughes Elementary.

The Scott administration is committed to working the Comptroller's Office of Real Estate in creating an equitable and transparent process for the sale of City-owned property. I have instructed the Department of General Services to revamp the process of accepting tenants into City-owned property, with a focus on ensuring fairness in the selection of tenants. I have also instructed the Department of General Services to increase oversight to the terms of the ROE's, and subsequent leases, signed by tenants to ensure accountability for all parties.

Sincerely,

Daniel Ramos

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Baltimore City