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Housing Authority of Baltimore City to Hold Online Auctions for Vacant Properties

Almost 30 properties will be available for bid over three auctions in September

BALTIMORE — The Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) announced that starting today almost 30 vacant properties will be available to bid on through several online auctions throughout September.

The vacant properties range in size from single family to multi-dwelling row homes and are no longer viable for the authority to maintain in its inventory. HABC has partnered with Ashland Auction Group, an online real estate auction platform that connects buyers with thousands of properties throughout Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Delaware, and Washington, D.C., to conduct the auction events as follows:

- Group 1 Sept. 7 to Sept. 11 (3 properties)
- Group 2 Sept. 15 to Sept. 19 (12 properties)
- Group 3 Sept. 19 to Sept. 21 (11 properties)

"Our upcoming auctions are an excellent opportunity for individuals and families to explore a variety of housing options in our community," said Janet Abrahams, HABC's President and CEO. "We are committed to facilitating a transparent and fair auction process that allows participants to find their ideal homes."

All bidders must secure their spot at the auction by pre-registering online at www.AshlandAuction.com/Register. Additional steps prior to bidding can be found on the registration page. The winning bidder will be required to post the initial deposit amount, as specified within the terms of the sale. Since these properties are all within the same auction event, individuals will be able to register and bid on multiple properties with one Good Faith Authorization Charge.

"The available properties offer something for everyone, including first-time buyers, those looking to upgrade or those seeking an investment opportunity," said Abrahams. "The auction process encourages fair competition among bidders, ensuring that they have the opportunity to secure a property at a reasonable market value."

The properties available for bid are located in several communities, including John Hopkins, Gwynns

Falls Park, and neighborhoods in East and West Baltimore.

"The properties selected for auction are located within vibrant neighborhoods known for their sense of community and public amenities," said Abrahams. "We want individuals to find a property they can convert into a home and join a welcoming community that suits their lifestyle."

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About HABC

The Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) was established in 1937 to provide federally funded public housing programs and related services for Baltimore's low-income residents. HABC is the fifth largest public housing authority in the U.S., providing quality affordable housing for more than 23,000 households. The agency creates diverse and vibrant communities, provides opportunities for self-sufficiency, and builds pathways for strong partnerships.