

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner

Date: May 4, 2021

Re: City Council Bill 21-0028 Landmark List - Clifton School

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0028 for the purpose of designating the Clifton School, 2670 Kennedy Avenue, as an historical landmark: exterior.

If enacted, City Council Bill 21-0028 would designate the exterior of the Clifton School located at 2670 Kennedy Ave. as a historical landmark.

At its regular meeting of April 1, 2021, the Planning Commission concurred with its planning staff and recommended approval of City Council Bill 21-0028. Planning staff noted in their report that this property is a historic resource that is significant to the Coldstream Homestead Montebello community, which requested this landmark designation. The Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) heard this Bill on March 9, 2021 and unanimously recommended approval of Landmark designation.

The Coldstream Homestead Montebello neighborhood is undergoing significant community development including the nearby Tivoly EcoVillage project, which is one of Baltimore City's first and largest Net Zero Energy homeownership projects. Preserving historically significant structures supports the wellbeing and overall health of the neighborhood while it experiences growth, and community revitalization.

DHCD **supports** the passage of City Council Bill 21-0028.

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