



## BALTIMORE HOUSING

STEPHANIE  
RAWLINGS-BLAKE  
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO  
Executive Director, HABC  
Commissioner, HCD

## MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: June 6, 2016

Re: **City Council Bill 15-0580 - Baltimore City Landmark List: Exteriors  
- American Legion Federal Post # 19**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0580 for the purpose of designating the American Legion Federal Post # 19, 1502 Madison Avenue, as an historical landmark: exterior.

If enacted, this bill would recognize and preserve one of the oldest black American Legion posts in MD, which served an important role in West Baltimore for 85 years. The post was established in 1920 during the great Depression and was home to the Blue Helmet Drum and Bugle Corps.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 15-0580.

PTG:sd

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Mr. Colin Tarbert, *Deputy Mayor*

