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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: April 25, 2016

Re: **City Council Bill 15-0572 - Zoning – Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 4 Family Dwelling Units in the R-7 Zoning District –Variances – 1715 Spence Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0572, for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 4 family dwelling units in the R-7 Zoning District on the property known as 1715 Spence Street.

If enacted, this bill would preserve an existing property in the Morrell Park neighborhood and support affordable housing for veterans by allowing the renovation of an existing structure into four 1-bedroom units. The existing property, due to extended vacancy, has a single-family dwelling status under the current zoning code and the passage of this bill would encourage the re-use of a structure in need of restoration.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 15-0572.

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

