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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: August 11, 2016

Re: **City Council Bill 16-0697 - Property Tax Credit – Public Safety
Officers**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0697, FOR the purpose of establishing a tax credit against the property tax imposed on the principal residences of certain public safety officers; imposing certain limitations, conditions, and qualifications for credit eligibility; providing for the amount, duration, and administration of the credit; defining certain terms; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to a property tax credit for qualified public safety officers.

If enacted, this bill might encourage more Baltimore City Police Officers and Firemen to purchase a home and live in the city to take advantage of a real property tax credit. The tax credit is designated for public safety officers that own a home located in the City and qualify for the Homestead tax credit.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 16-0697.

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

