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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #19-0141R/ CREATION OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BLACK ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT		

TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 North Holliday Street

DATE: March 13, 2019

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #19-0141R, which would designate the Pennsylvania Avenue Corridor and surrounding communities within the defined boundaries as the Pennsylvania Avenue Black Arts and Entertainment District.

The Department of Planning recommends approval of City Council Bill #19-0141R as the designation of Pennsylvania Avenue as an Arts and Entertainment District by the Maryland State Arts Council will further revitalize this historic corridor by providing an income tax subtraction modification for qualified artists residing in the district, as well as authorizing the City of Baltimore to grant a property tax credit for certain renovated buildings within the district and grant certain exemptions from the admissions and amusement tax. We fully support this important designation and we are eager to assist in a supportive role.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-8358.

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