



MEMORANDUM

**BALTIMORE
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Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

TO: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o
Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM: Paul T. Graziano
Housing Commissioner

DATE: June 10, 2011

SUBJECT: **City Council Bill 11-0699 Zoning – Planned Unit Developments-
Variances**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0699, which was introduced for the purpose of permitting the Mayor and City Council to grant variances as part of an ordinance, authorizing or amending a conditional use or authorizing or amending a Planned Unit Development (PUD).

City Council Bill 11-0699, if approved, would provide the Mayor and City Council with the authority to grant variances to a PUD during the same approval process for amending a PUD. This simultaneous approval will expedite and simplify the PUD variance and amendment procedures and minimize redundancy for developers seeking variances. The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 11-0699.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office of Government Relations
Ms. Kaliopé Parthemos, Deputy Mayor

