


The Baltimore City Department of  
**HOUSING & COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT**

## MEMORANDUM

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

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner 

Date: September 21, 2017

Re: **City Council Bill 17-0120 - Property Tax Credit – Public Safety Officers**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0120, 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 would provide a property tax credit for public safety officers who work in the City to encourage them to consider purchasing a home in the City. HCD supports the concept of increasing the number of public safety officers who are homeowners that live in one of the many great neighborhoods in the City.

The Department of Housing and Community Development respectfully defers to the Department of Finance on the passage of City Council Bill 17-0120.

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cc: Ms. Karen Stokes, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Mr. Kyron Banks, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*