

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: June 23, 2008

Re: City Council Bill 08-0109 Zoning - Conditional Use Housing for the

Elderly - 5300 Harford Road

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0109, which was introduced for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of housing for the elderly on the property known as 5300 Harford Road.

St. Dominic's Parish issued a RFP to redevelop the former elementary and middle school building located on its campus. Homes for America, Inc. (HAI), a non-profit housing developer, was awarded the project to convert these buildings into housing for elderly and disabled residents. The conversion will create 30 units with 25 intended for elderly and the balance for non-elderly disabled.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0109 and defers to the findings of the Planning Commission for potential amendments.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson Mr. Demaune Millard



