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TO: The Honorable President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
And Members of the Baltimore City Council
City Hall, Room 400
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FROM: Ms. Kathleen G. Kotarba, Executive Director

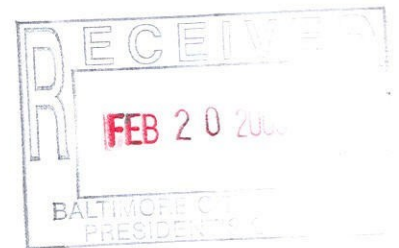
RE: CCB # 08-0042 – DISCLOSURES ON SALE OR LEASE

The Baltimore City Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) has received City Council Bill No. 08-0042 for review. This legislation is “for the purpose of requiring certain disclosures in the sale or lease of residential properties; defining certain items; increasing certain penalties; correcting, clarifying, and conforming to certain language; and generally relating to the sale or lease of residential property”. This disclosure information would include whether a property lies within a locally designated historic district, and/or is on the Baltimore City Landmark List and/or on the Baltimore City Special List. Additional disclosure information would include zoning status, whether the property lies within an urban renewal area, in an overlay district or within a planned unit development, and/or is subject to any recorded covenants that may affect the use of the property.

The Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) views CCB #08-0042 as being a beneficial consumer protection measure for residential property buyers and therefore **recommends approval** of City Council Bill #08-0042.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council
Mr. Tyler Gearhart, Chairman, CHAP
Mr. Tom J. Stosur, Director, Department of Planning
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