



MEMORANDUM

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PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Commissioner

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: September 27, 2010

Re: **City Council Bill 10-0587 - Baltimore City Landmark List: Public Interiors - the Senator Theatre**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0587, which was introduced for the purpose of designating the public interior of the Senator Theatre as a historical landmark.

The Senator Theatre is a prominent single-screen Art Deco movie theater located at 5904 York Road. It opened to the public in 1939. Its lobby still features the original terrazzo floors, and art deco murals about the history of performing arts. The theatre's interior is accented by a back lit sun-burst at the apex of the screen, and rainbow prisms in the recessed ceiling. Before each performance, a massive gold curtain opens to dramatically reveal the screen. The Senator Theatre was added to the *National Register of Historic Places* in 1989.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 10-0587 and is submitting a pre-order for a large bucket of lightly buttered popcorn and a medium-sized soft drink for the first screening of the reopened Senator Theatre.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Diane Hutchins, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliop Parthemous, *Deputy Mayor*