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TO: President and Members of the City Council
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FROM: John P. Stewart, Executive Director
Commission on Aging and Retirement Education (CARE)

DATE: March 3, 2009

RE: City Council Bill 09-0276

POSITION: SUPPORT

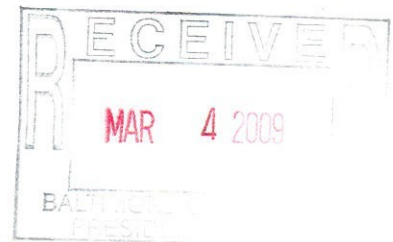
City Council Bill 09-0276 was submitted at the request of Associated Catholic Charities, Inc. and is represented by Mr. Dale McArdle. The association seeks to develop and operate housing for the elderly on the properties known as 6424 E. Pratt Street and 200 Kane Street in Baltimore, Maryland.

The properties are located at the intersection of 6400 East Pratt Street and Kane Street. The properties will encompass 3 acres of land that will be developed for the proposed housing for the elderly. The property at 6424 E. Pratt Street will be used to develop a 4-story senior apartment building with 54 units. The property at 200 Kane Street property will be used to develop a 4-story senior apartment building with 51 units. All units will be one bedroom units.

This Bill will increase affordable housing choices for a maximum of 150 elderly residents in Baltimore City. The site is located in Southeast Baltimore in the Joseph H. Lee Community and is represented by the Bayview Community Association, Inc. The community Association has submitted a letter of support to the Bill's sponsor, Councilman D'Amato.

Associated Catholic Charities, Inc. currently operates four other housing facilities for the elderly in Baltimore City and has operated within the following guidelines established for independent living and supportive housing for the elderly;

- Residents must be at least 62 years of age
- Meet HUD established income guidelines -- 2006 limit is \$25,500 for one person, \$29,100 for two persons at 6424 E. Pratt Street



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- Meet HUD established income guidelines -- 2008 limit is \$27,350 for one person, \$31,300 for two persons at 200 Kane Street
- Meet all of the local preferences requirements

The apartments will be approximately 540 sq. ft. and will include a fully equipped kitchen, living room, bedroom, bathroom, dining area, wiring for cable television and telephone, personal emergency response system and metered utilities. Additionally, there will be community and recreational activities and supportive services. The building will include:

- multi-purpose room with a kitchen
- lounges for informal activities
- library/game room
- laundry room and lounge to facilitate socialization
- computer center

The facility will offer accessible assisted housing options and services to the elderly population residing in this corridor of Baltimore City. The Commission on Aging supports this development which will increase the number of housing units in the City of Baltimore for the elderly and disabled population. This development will be a viable asset to the community and citizens of Baltimore.

C: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison to City Council
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