



**BALTIMORE  
HOUSING**

SHEILA DIXON  
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO  
Executive Director, HABC  
Commissioner, HCD

## MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: December 22, 2008

Re: **City Council Bill 08-0227 Registered Sex Offenders - Residence Near  
Schools, etc., Prohibited**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0227, which was introduced for the purpose of prohibiting a registered sex offender from residing within a certain distance of a school, child care facility, or certain recreation or service facilities; defining certain terms; imposing certain penalties; excepting certain situations; and generally relating to prohibiting a registered sex offender from residing near locations where children congregate.

In order to continue to foster healthy neighborhoods in Baltimore City that both attract new residents and retain current homeowners, citizens must have confidence that their children are safe at local schools, playgrounds, and parks. This proposed legislation would bolster this confidence by banning registered sex offenders from living within 2000 feet of any these specific facilities. A violator could face a criminal misdemeanor conviction and penalties of not more than \$1000 and/or 12 months incarceration.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0227.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson  
Mr. Andrew Frank  
Mr. Demaune Millard

