



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: February 5, 2011

Re: **City Council Bill 10-0619 - Waterfront Management District and Waterfront Management Authority - Renewal through April 23, 2015**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0619, which was introduced for the purpose of renewing and continuing the Waterfront Management District and Waterfront Management Authority; providing for a special effective date.

The Waterfront Management District is a special benefits district created to protect and improve area's fronting Baltimore's Inner Harbor and the promenade park lining the water's edge. The Partnership, which is the non-profit corporation that manages the district's operations, brings together the public and private sectors to establish and achieve quality enhancements and performance standards for the benefit and enjoyment of those who visit, work, and live in the waterfront district. Created in October 2005, the Partnership has been responsible for overall management of operations along an area of the waterfront from the Rusty Scupper to Bond Street Wharf, with services including: landscaping the promenade through the addition of seasonal flowers, manicuring grass and flower beds; providing a complement of Waterfront Guides to create a friendly and welcoming environment for visitors; supplementing city cleaning and maintenance services and marketing and promoting the waterfront as a vacation destination.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 10-0619.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*

