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Police Commissioner

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TO: The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Room 400 City Hall  
**Attn. Karen Randle**

FROM: James H. Green, Legal Affairs Section  
Baltimore Police Department

RE: City Council Bill No. 08-0163-Live Entertainment and Dancing – Zoning  
– Conditional Uses

On June 18, 2009, at the City Council hearing on Council Bill No. 08-0163- Live Entertainment and Dancing – Zoning – Conditional Uses, Chairman James B. Kraft requested that Baltimore Police Department (BPD) review the map detailing the City of Baltimore B-1 and B-2 Zoning Regulations and provide comments regarding enforcement and resource allocation in light of the proposed legislation.

As stated at the hearing, the BPD will work with the other city agencies around the issue of enforcement for violations of the proposed ordinance if enacted. It is essential that the BPD respond to any public safety concerns in our neighborhoods and hold businesses accountable for violations. It remains the business' responsibility to provide a safe environment for its customers at all times. A review of the current zoning regulations coupled with the discussions surrounding the proposed legislation does not require a re-allocation of police resources. The Department will be able to appropriately respond to calls-for-service regarding establishments that provide live entertainment. We will keep the Council informed as to the enforcement structure as it is developed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Frederick H. Bealefeld III, Police Commissioner, BPD  
Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

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