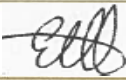
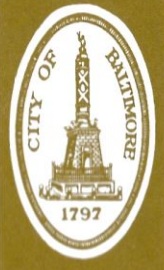


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	SUBJECT	COUNCIL BILL 18-0223 Equity Assessment Program		

TO

The Honorable President and
 Members of the City Council
 City Hall, Room 400
 100 North Holliday Street

DATE: May 21, 2018

The Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation staff is in receipt of City Council Bill #18-0223:

For the purpose of providing for the implementation of an Equity Assessment Program for Baltimore City, to be developed and overseen by the Planning Department; requiring City agencies to assess existing and proposed policies and practices for disparate outcomes based on race, gender or income and to proactively develop policies, practices and investments to prevent and redress those disparate outcomes; defining certain terms; providing for the adoption of rules and regulations to carry out this Program; requiring certain notices and reports; and generally relating to the goal of eliminating structural and institutional racism and other forms of discrimination based on immutable characteristics.

This item has been scheduled for a committee hearing before the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation will be able to review it and provide a recommendation to the committee. The staff to CHAP has been heavily involved in the work of the Equity Committee within the Department of Planning and we have given great consideration as to how an Equity Assessment Program would be implemented at CHAP. This legislation has the potential to (positively) impact how CHAP and the staff to the Commission undertake public outreach and notice, how we create and implement design guidelines, and future historic designations. CHAP staff advises a recommendation Approval with the following Amendments as approved by the Planning Commission.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Holcomb, Executive Director, at 410-396-4866.