



BALTIMORE HOUSING

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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: October 17, 2008

Re: **City Council Bill 08-0196 Zoning - Conditional Use Service and
Housing Center - 620 Fallsway**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0196, which was introduced for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a service and housing center on the property known as 620 Fallsway.

Baltimore Homeless Services is proposing to develop a year-round, 275 bed housing and resource center for homeless individuals. This 24-hour facility will be located at 620 Fallsway in Baltimore City. The center also will serve as administrative headquarters for Baltimore Homeless Services. The site is owned by the Mayor and City Council and meets the M-2 zoning requirements. The project is slated to begin construction in mid-November 2008, with an estimated completion date of November 2009.

The proposed project not only will provide temporary housing, meals, and showers, it also will deliver an array of services designed to facilitate the transition from homelessness to permanent housing. Services will include physical and behavioral health care, case management, referrals to housing, employment, and income support services provided by city agencies and nonprofit organizations. Twenty-five beds will be reserved for homeless individuals recently discharged from hospitals who require convalescent care with nursing services.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0196.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
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