## CITY OF BALTIMORE



## COMMISSION ON AGING and RETIREMENT EDUCATION

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TO:

President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

FROM:

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Commission on Aging and Retirement Education

DATE:

June 1, 2009

RE:

City Council Bill 09-0332

POSITION: SUPPORT

City Council Bill 09-0332 was submitted at the request of Unity Properties, Inc., Wayland Baptist Church, Inc., WBC Community Development Corp. and Development Management of Enterprise Homes, Inc. The corporations are seeking to develop and maintain housing for the elderly on the properties known as 3020-3026 Garrison Blvd. and 3801 and 3803 Bonner Road. Baltimore City Council Bill 09-0332 would increase housing choices for the elderly in Northwest Baltimore.

Housing Project Name to be: Wayland Village Senior Apartments which will provide 90-units to low income renters. The 90 units will be designated as follows:

- > (68) Sixty-eight 1 and 2 bedrooms for independent living apartments will be rented to persons age 62 years of age and older who earn between 30% and 60% of the Area Median Income.
- > (5) Five units will be accessible to persons with mobility impairment.
- > (2) Two units will be accessible to persons who are sight or hearing impaired.
- > (14) Fourteen units will be set aside for Non-elderly Disabled persons.
- (1) One unit will be set aside for a live-in maintenance staff person.

The property will offer a number of on site amenities including, a community center, an exercise room, an arts and crafts room, TV lounge and Laundry room. Additionally, the project site is located close to a variety of public facilities which include: Forest Park Branch of the Enoch Pratt Library, Wayland Baptist Church, Forest Park Golf Course and public Bus lines. Off street parking will be provided at the rear of the building (60 parking spaces).

The Community Association has submitted a letter of support to the bill's sponsor, Councilwoman Sharon Middleton and the President of the Baltimore City Council, Stephanie Rawlings -Blake.





The Commission on Aging and Retirement Education (CARE) supports this project for the purpose of permitting the owners and developers to move forward with the establishment, maintenance and operations of housing for the elderly on the properties 3020-3026 Garrison Blvd. and 3801-3803 Bonner Road as outlined. This Housing Development will be a viable asset to the Community and the citizens of Baltimore.

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