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MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: June 21, 2010

Re: **City Council Bill 10-0533 - Supplementary Appropriation -
Department of Housing and Community Development - \$1,407,000**

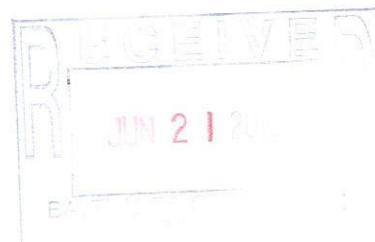
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The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0533, which was introduced for the purpose of providing a Supplementary Capital Fund Appropriation in the amount of \$1,407,000 to the Department of Housing and Community Development, to provide funding for the demolition and stabilization of blighted properties.

Whether to address a structural emergency or to prevent further damage to a neighboring occupied home, DHCD requires a consistent capability to demolish and stabilize property. We estimate that the total cost of demolition to be an average of \$5 million per year for both planned and emergency demolitions. In FY' 2011, DHCD was appropriated \$2 million for demolitions which could cover the cost of emergency demolitions only. For FY'2012 and 2013, DHCD was appropriated \$1 million for each year. City Council Bill 10-0533 will allow DHCD to continue to address dangerous buildings threatening public safety via demolition, or mitigate damage to neighboring structures through stabilization.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 10-533.

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