



BALTIMORE HOUSING

STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: October 21, 2016

Re: **City Council Bill 16-0698 - Baltimore City Landmark List: Exteriors
George W. King/Abraham Briscoe House**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0698, for the purpose of designating the George W. King/Abraham Briscoe House, 1232 Druid Hill Avenue, as an historical landmark: exterior.

If enacted, this bill would recognize the historical significance of the George W. King/Abraham Briscoe House, which was owned by the founder of Kings Brothers printer, the official printer for Baltimore City government in the mid-to-late 1900s. Mr. King also served as the Councilman for Ward 7 in 1872 and 1873. The property is also being recognized for its role as a place that held numerous fundraising events to support the advancement of civil rights in the early-mid 20th century.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 16-0698.

PTG:sd

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Colin Tarbert, *Deputy Mayor*

