



**BALTIMORE
HOUSING**

SHEILA DIXON
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: March 2, 2009

Re: **City Council Bill 08-0258 Planned Unit Development - Amendment -
Benhurst Park**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0258, which was introduced for the purpose of approving certain amendments to the Development Plan of the Benhurst Park Planned Unit Development.

The Kol Torah Synagogue proposes to build a new synagogue on property located at 2929 Falstaff Road. The current property owners, Heather Ridge Condominium Council, have agreed to sell a 2.21-acre portion of the land for the synagogue and to place the remainder of the property in a Forest Conservation Easement. The use of the land for a religious institution is permissible under present zoning and the PUD; however, it must be amended into the original development plan.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0258 and defers to the report of the Planning Commission for further comment or amendment.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
Mr. Andrew Frank
Ms. Diane Hutchins

