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PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: August 11, 2016

Re: **City Council Bill 16-0283R - Vision to Jobs – Strategic
Community/Jobs Collaboration**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0283R, FOR the purpose of calling on representatives from Baltimore Rising, the Citizens Planning and Housing Association, the Community Law Center, One Baltimore, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Baltimore Development Corporation, and the Department of Planning to join the City Council and representatives from two of Baltimore's community associations – the Glen Neighborhood Improvement Association and the Howard Park Civic Association – to discuss how to coordinate efforts to use new and tried tools to advance community based job opportunities concurrently with improvements to housing stock, buildings, and open spaces in Baltimore's neighborhoods.

If enacted, this bill would create a forum for representatives from numerous city agencies and representatives from two active Community Associations to share information on the effectiveness of existing tools for addressing neighborhood blight and economic opportunities. It would also provide the opportunity to share and discuss ideas on potential new partnerships or programs that would support healthier neighborhoods and increased employment opportunities.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 16-0283R.

PTG:sd

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

