



**BALTIMORE  
HOUSING**

SHEILA DIXON  
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO  
Executive Director, HABC  
Commissioner, HCDC

## MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: August 6, 2009

Re: **City Council Bill 09-0358 Baltimore City Landmark List - Kresge Building**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0358, which was introduced for the purpose of designating the Kresge Building, 117 West Lexington Street, as a historical landmark.

DHCD believes that preserving a historic structure preserves a link to the past. Furthermore, preserving a community's heritage doesn't just save a part of the past but is a vital part of creating prosperity for the future. Historic preservation projects create new jobs, produce affordable quality housing, increase economic development and revitalize business districts and residential neighborhoods.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 09-0358.

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

