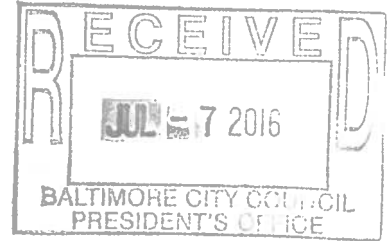




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Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: June 30, 2016

Re: **City Council Bill 16-0659 - Baltimore City Landmark List: Exteriors
– St. Mark's Institutional Baptist Church**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0659, for the purpose of designating St. Mark's Institutional Baptist Church, 655 North Bentalou Street, as an historical landmark: exterior.

If enacted, this bill would recognize the design and historic significance the St. Mark's Institutional Baptist Church played in the City by the designation as an historical landmark. The church was constructed in 1922 for the German Reformed Immanuel Church congregation and they were active in civil rights, alleviating poverty and establishing the City's first African American Church-based nursery schools.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 16-0659.

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

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