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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: April 27, 2010

Re: **City Council Bill 09-0429 - Required Parking for Bicycles**

Baltimore Housing (Department of Housing and Community Development and the Housing Authority of Baltimore City) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0429, which was introduced for the purpose of requiring certain new or expanded structures, premises, and zoning uses as well as certain employers to provide bicycle parking to their employees.

This legislation both amends the zoning code to distinguish between required parking spaces for vehicles and bicycles and then requires that newly constructed or refurbished structures and employers must provide parking to bicycles for use by employees or tenants. The bill further provides a mechanism by which required vehicular parking spaces can be offset by including additional spaces for bicycles.

Baltimore Housing believes that this legislation serves a number of worthy goals by promoting a healthy and environmentally friendly transportation. In order to encourage more people to bike to work, citizens must be assured that they can properly secure their bicycle at their destination. Consequently, Baltimore Housing supports the adoption of City Council Bill 09-0429.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Diane Hutchins, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Andrew Frank, *First Deputy Mayor*

