



BALTIMORE HOUSING

STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE
Mayor

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

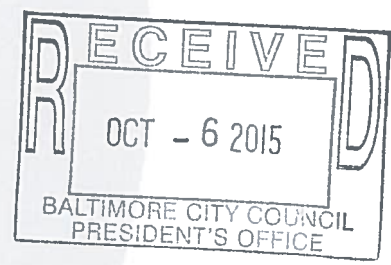
Date: October 2, 2015

Re: **City Council Bill 15-0551 - Franchise – Crown Castle NG Atlantic LLC**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0551 for the purpose of granting a franchise to Crown Castle NG Atlantic LLC, a Virginia limited liability company, to construct, install, maintain, repair, operate, relocate, replace, and remove certain facilities relating to the provision of a Distributed Antenna Systems services in and across certain streets and public ways, subject to certain terms and conditions; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, this bill would grant a Franchise to an LLC for the purpose of facilitating wireless communication services for multiple wireless telecommunication carriers through the installation of equipment on publically owned infrastructure. The Franchise is for a ten year period with three 5-year renewals. The benefits of the Franchise for the residents of Baltimore include, revenue generation, improved cellular services and expanded public telecommunications infrastructure.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 15- 0551.



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

