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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 Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: April 26, 2016

Re: **City Council Bill 16-0644 – Zoning – Conditional Use Conversion of a Single Dwelling Unit to 2 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District – Variances – 305 East Lafayette Avenue**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0644, for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single dwelling unit to 2 dwelling units in the R-8 zoning district on the property known as 305 East Lafayette Avenue; and granting variances from certain lot area size and floor area ratio requirements.

If enacted, this bill would encourage the reuse and preservation of a structure in Greenmount West that is in need of renovation. The three-story attached residential building was built in the mid-19th Century and is located close to the intersection of East Lafayette Avenue and Latrobe Street and part of the Station North Arts and Entertainment Overlay District.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 16-0644.

PTG:sd

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

