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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 Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: February 25, 2010

Re: **City Council Bill 10-0427 - Planned Unit Development - Designation -
Wylie Funeral Home**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0427, which was introduced for the purpose of approving the application of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and Wylie Funeral Homes, P.A., which are either the owner, potential owner, developer, and/or contract purchaser of the following properties: 1602, 1604, 1606, 1606 ½, 1608, 1610, 1612, 1614, 1616, 1618, 1620, 1622, 1624, and 1626 Harlem Avenue; 703, 705, 707, 709, 711, 713, 715, 717, 719, 721, 723, and 725 North Mount Street; and 634, 636, and 638 North Gilmore Street (collectively, the "Property"), to have the Property designated a Residential Planned Unit Development.

This proposed Planned Unit Development would facilitate a new development project that would stimulate the rehabilitation of the Harlem Park community. DGCD received and approved a proposal from Wylie Funeral Home to construct a new and expanded funeral home on a site consisting of 29 parcels located at 634-638 North Gilmore Street, 1600 block of Harlem Avenue, and the 700 block of North Mount Street. Among these parcels are 26 city owned properties that Wylie intends to acquire and consolidate.

The new facilities will consist of four reposing rooms, preparation and arrangement rooms, and a 250 seat chapel. A five car garage and a 77 space surface lot will be included at the new site. The applicant expressed to DHCD officials during a site visit last year that he hopes the neighborhood would use his facility for meeting space. In further support of the applicant's initiative, DHCD will use code enforcement and other resources to facilitate the rehabilitation of adjacent properties on Lanvale and Gilmore Streets.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 10-0427.

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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*

