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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Fourth Floor, City Hall
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c/o: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

Re: Bill; 11-655 {"Corrective Bill 2011 – Decodifications"}

Bill 11-655, as its title indicates, is intended to “decodif[y], with corrective and conforming amendments, certain obsolete, obsolescent, or superseded provisions relating to the Housing Authority of Baltimore City”.

For the most part, these provisions contain the text (at excruciating length) of various agreements and “amendatory agreements” (from 1938 through 1959) between the Housing Authority and Baltimore City. These provisions, however, are incomplete: they do not reflect *all* agreements of this sort, nor do they reflect *all* amendments made over the years to these and other like agreements. Many of these provisions appear facially obsolete (or obsolescent, at best) or have been superseded by subsequent actions.

Contracts are not normally codified in the City Code – nor, even, are the ordinances or resolutions that approve or ratify them. This bill, therefore, proposes to decodify these provisions – which is to say, to remove them (albeit *without repeal*) from the City Code, and reordain them, as a unit, in the “Ordinances and Resolutions” for 2011.

The Department of Legislative Reference recommends the passage of Bill 11-655.

Very truly yours,

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