



# MEMORANDUM

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PAUL T. GRAZIANO.

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: August 24, 2010

Re: **City Council Bill 10-0570 - Rezoning - 801 West 33rd Street**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0570, which was introduced for the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 801 West 33rd Street from the R-7 Zoning District to the O-R-2 Zoning District..

This property was the former home of the Mount Vernon Methodist Church in Hampden. A 2008 fire forced the congregation to relocate. Despite the restoration of the structure's exterior, the total costs to completely repair the structure were too prohibitive for the church to continue to use the building. Consequently, Chesapeake Systems, an information technology business, intends to purchase the building from the church and covert it into office space for 22 employees. Therefore, the applicant requires a zoning change to permit the office use.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 10-0570 from either a structural or code enforcement perspective, however, we are aware of the Planning Commission's disapproval of this legislation due to inconstant or "spot" zoning concerns.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Ms. Diane Hutchins, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*  
Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, *Deputy Mayor*

