



**BALTIMORE
HOUSING**

SHEILA DIXON
Mayor

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: October 3, 2008

Re: **City Council Bill 08-0173 Baltimore City Landmark List - St. Mark's
Evangelical Lutheran Church**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0173, which was introduced for the purpose of designating the St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1920 Saint Paul Street, as a historical landmark.

DHCD believes that preserving a historic structure preserves a link to the past. Furthermore, preserving a community's heritage doesn't just save a part of the past but is a vital part of creating prosperity for the future. Historic preservation projects create new jobs, produce affordable quality housing, increase economic development and revitalize business districts and residential neighborhoods.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0173.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson
Mr. Demaune Millard

