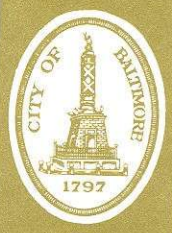


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<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	THOMAS J. STOSUR, DIRECTOR	CITY of BALTIMORE <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #13-0189/ HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICTS – DESIGNATION PROCESS		

**TO**

The Honorable President and  
 Members of the City Council  
 City Hall, Room 400  
 100 North Holliday Street

DATE: January 31, 2013

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #13-0189, for the purpose of clarifying the process by which an Historical and Architectural District is proposed and designated; and generally relating to historical and architectural preservation.

The Department of Planning has several concerns with City Council Bill #13-0189. We understand that the first committee hearing for this bill is scheduled for February 5, 2013, which does not provide enough time for the Planning Commission to review this bill. Without detailed review, we are concerned that there may be some unintended consequences. We also understand there is a CHAP workgroup looking at how designations are reviewed, and recommend waiting for their report. For all of the above reasons, the Department of Planning requests the committee allow additional time for this important review.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-4488.

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- Ms. Karen Randle, Council Services
- Mr. Tom Liebel, CHAP Chairman

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