



MEMORANDUM

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RAWLINGS-BLAKE,
Mayor

PAUL T. GRAZIANO,
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: October 25, 2011

Re: **City Council Bill 11-0773 - Ashburton Historic District**

The Department of Housing and Community Development has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0774, which was introduced for the purpose of designating the area located within certain boundaries as the Ashburton Historic District.

This bill would create a local historic district designation in a certain area of northwestern Baltimore City named the "Ashburton Historic District." This neighborhood, like many in the City of Baltimore, has a unique character and history from its early development to the present day, including deriving its name from the 19th-century country estate of the Gittings family, located in the neighborhood's center. This historic district designation grew out of a long history of preservation efforts that began in 1996; both the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) and the Planning Commission support this designation.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 11-0773.

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

