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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 16-0692 - PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM

CITY of
BALTIMORE
MEMO



TO

DATE: June 30, 2016

The Honorable President and Members of City Council
City Hall 4th floor
100 N. Holliday Street

Please be advised of the following comments offered on behalf of the Commission on Sustainability (CoS). The CoS has reviewed the City Council Bill 16-0692 Property Assessed Clean Energy Loan Program.

The intent of this bill addresses the following goals of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan as approved by City Council on March 2, 2009, and the Climate Action Plan (CAP), adopted on November 29, 2012 by Planning Commission:

- Sustainability Plan, Pollution Prevention Goal 1: Reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 15% by the year 2015.
- Sustainability Plan, Resource Conservation Goal 1: Reduce energy usage by 15% by the year 2015.
- Climate Action Plan (CAP), ESS1: Reduce energy consumption of existing buildings.
- Climate Action Plan (CAP), ESS2: Promote the generation of renewable energy.

City Council Bill 16-0692 will assist in creating a more sustainable and resilient Baltimore by helping property owners finance energy efficiency projects and improvements on their buildings. Access to affordable financing is often a barrier that prohibits property owners from investing in cost saving measures that can save property owners money, and energy. These improvements to buildings will also help maintain quality properties within Baltimore while adding attractive energy efficient buildings to the commercial rental market. Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing will also help property owners with financing options for solar and other renewable energy systems. Supporting increased installation of solar energy systems helps a growing job market within the city, which is providing quality high paying jobs for our residents.

Enabling State legislation provides resources from the Maryland Clean Energy Center to all jurisdictions across the State. These resources will help the City implement this program swiftly, and with little to no cost to the City.

The Office of Sustainability supports Council Bill 16-0692 and recommends that the City Council #16-0692 be passed by the City Council.

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