



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner

Date: November 18, 2020

Re: City Council Bill 20-0548 Landmark List - Reed Calloway House

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0548 for the purpose of designating the Reed Calloway House, 1316 North Carey Street, as an historical landmark: exterior.

If enacted, City Council Bill 20-0548 would designate the exterior of the property located at 1316 North Carey Street as a historical landmark.

The Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP) held a public hearing August 11, 2020, during which the Commission reviewed and recommended approval of Landmark designation. The following Month, at its regular meeting of September 10, 2020, the Planning Commission concurred with the recommendation of its departmental staff and recommended that City Council Bill 20-0548 be passed by the City Council.

The property is located a few blocks away from the “West Impact Investment Area,” this area is endowed with significant architecture and history and is the heart of Baltimore’s African American Community. It was a center for jazz age entertainment and the home to Baltimore’s Civil rights movement. The designation of the Reed Calloway House as a historical landmark will add to the economic and social development of the Sandtown-Winchester neighborhood by strengthening the stewardship of historical and cultural resources and protecting and enhancing the preservation of Baltimore’s Historic buildings.

DHCD **supports** the passage of Council Bill 20-0548.

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cc: Mr. Blendy, Nicholas, *Mayor’s Office of Government Relations*