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Director

April 3, 2009

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

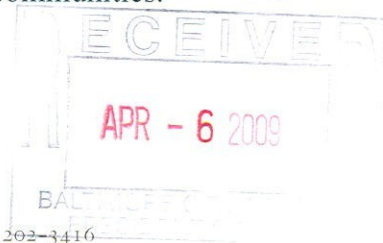
RE: City Council Bill #09-0284/Sanitation – “One Plus One” Collection Program; Planning
Commission additional concerns

Dear Madam President and
Members of the City Council:

At the Planning Commission’s April 2, 2009, hearing the Commission considered CCB #09-0284 and supported this legislation. During testimony and deliberations it became clear that there were several issues related to this initiative that the Commission believes is imperative to its success and deserves careful consideration by the City Council. They are as follows:

1. The Commission strongly believes that increased sanitation enforcement is an essential component of the new mixed refuse collection program, and therefore urges the Council to include the funding to hire 20 new sanitation inspectors as part of the FY 2010 City Budget.
2. Education and outreach on proper sanitation and recycling practices are also critical to long term success, and therefore the Commission endorses a sustained partnership among DPW, BCPS, and the Office of Sustainability and other stakeholders to bring sanitation education to schools and communities throughout the City.
3. Residents should be offered opportunities to contribute towards the purchase of the proposed, new standardized trash receptacles to help accelerate the implementation of this important aspect of the new collection program.
4. The Commission endorses the approach articulated by DPW staff that “one size may not fit all” neighborhoods and that the collection procedures and trash receptacles should be tailored to meet the specific needs and conditions of Baltimore’s various communities.

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The Commission appreciates and commends the thoroughness and coordination of the overall and encompassing plan DPW has put together. The Commission looks forward to its implementation and thanks the President and City Councilmembers for their time and consideration.



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cc: Mr. Andrew Frank, Deputy Mayor
Mr. Demaune Millard, Mayor's Office
Mr. Wilber E. Cunningham, Chair of Planning Commission
Ms. Marcia Collins, DPW