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PAUL T. GRAZIANO
Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: June 5, 2015

Re: **City Council Bill 15-0540 – Social Host Regulation – Neighborhood Nuisances and Unruly Social Events**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0540, for the purpose extending the provisions governing the issuance of citations for certain “neighborhood nuisances” to include various types of “unruly social events”; specifying the responsibilities of owners, operators, tenants, and occupants of and persons with possessory interests in a premises to prevent use of those premises for neighborhood nuisances and unruly social events; prohibiting these persons from conducting, causing, permitting, aiding, or condoning neighborhood nuisances and unruly social events on their premises; providing for the civil liability of the parents and legal guardians of juveniles who violate this prohibition; repealing criminal penalties for violations and providing for enforcement by civil citations; defining certain terms; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the civil enforcement of certain activities involving conduct that disturbs the quiet enjoyment by others of private or public property or that includes underage consumption of alcoholic beverages.

If enacted, this bill would change the type of citation that would be issued for certain “neighborhood nuisances” from an environmental citation that is issued and enforced by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to a civil citation that is issued and defended by the Baltimore City Police Department (BPD).

Since this bill will shift the enforcement responsibility to the BPD, the Department of Housing and Community Development respectfully defers its position on City Council Bill 15-0540 to the Baltimore City Police Department.

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Defers to Police

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Colin Tarbert, *Deputy Mayor*

