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FROM	NAME & TITLE	THOMAS J. STOSUR, DIRECTOR
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 E. FAYETTE STREET, 8 th FLOOR
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #10-0524/ CAMPAIGN SIGNS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS- REPEAL OF MAXIMUM-SIZE RESTRICTION

CITY of
BALTIMORE
MEMO



TO

DATE: July 1, 2010

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

The Department of Planning has received City Council Bill #10-0524 for the purpose of repealing the maximum-size restriction for campaign signs erected in residential areas.

The Planning Commission has scheduled this matter for consideration at its July 8, 2010 meeting. Thus the Commission's recommendation will be forwarded to City Council immediately following the meeting.

However, I wish to advise you that the staff's preliminary findings regarding this matter do not support the proposed legislation. Staff is concerned about commercial sized signage overwhelming neighborhoods, adding to the existing proliferation of signage throughout the City, as well impeding pedestrian and motorist safety and visibility with large signs added in residential areas.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa of my office at 410-396-4488.

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Attachments

- cc: Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, Deputy Mayor
- Ms. Sophie Dagenais, Chief of Staff
- Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office
- Mr. Bill Cunningham, Baltimore City Planning Commission Chair
- The Honorable Bill Henry, Council Rep. for Planning Commission
- Mr. David Tanner, BMZA
- Mr. Geoffrey Veal, Zoning Enforcement, DHCD
- Ms. Nikol Nabors-Jackson, DHCD
- Ms. Karen Randle, City Council Services
- Mr. Larry Greene, City Council Services