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PAUL T. GRAZIANO  
Executive Director, HABC  
Commissioner, HCDC

# MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: December 1, 2008

Re: **City Council Bill 08-0077R Baltimore City Green Collar Jobs Creation Coalition**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0077R, which was introduced for the purpose of requesting the Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Director of the Department of Transportation, and the CEO of Baltimore City Public Schools to form a coalition to develop a plan to create green collar jobs in Baltimore City.

The City of Baltimore has taken some significant steps to create a market for green collar jobs in our community. For example, the Baltimore City Council adopted City Council Bill #07-0602 Building Code - Green Building Requirements, which was signed into law by Mayor Dixon on August 14, 2007. This ordinance requires that City-owned buildings, any City-subsidized building construction, and specific categories of recent non-residential and multi-family building construction must achieve a certified-level of the appropriate LEED rating system. The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating system classifies building based on the structure's capability to achieve energy efficiency. The ordinance further mandates that DHCD must issue regulations and promulgate a "Green Building Code" in order to enforce the rating requirements. DHCD at present is working to complete a proposed "Green Building Code" for review by the Baltimore City Council in the coming year.

DHCD believes that both the demand and requirements for energy efficient building design and construction will necessitate contractors and tradesmen to hire and equip employees with additional training and skills to satisfy this emerging market. Accordingly, we look forward to participating in a coalition that would plan for the creation of green collar jobs in Baltimore City.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the adoption of City Council Bill 08-0077R.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson  
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