

Good morning:

I'm a Baltimore City resident writing to strongly support bill 22-0195 for Inclusionary Housing. I support Councilwoman Odette Ramos's version of the bill and urge the Council to maintain 60% AMI as the upper threshold of household income served by the program, and not to allow a fee in lieu option. As a homeowner in Waverly, I think it's critical to bring more mixed-income housing to high-opportunity areas like my neighborhood, and to ensure that as many residents as possible can benefit from the investments and improvements that new development brings.

I understand that labor and construction costs are high right now, and there are probably many developers who say bills like this are infeasible. But the long-term negative costs of failing to provide healthy housing for low-income residents are very, very high, and visible every day in this city.

Healthy communities are a policy decision. Please vote in favor of the strongest version possible of this bill.

Thank you,  
Kari Nye