

## BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE Mayor

October 8, 2010

FREDERICK H. BEALEFELD, III Police Commissioner

TO:

The Honorable President and Members

of the Baltimore City Council

Room 400 City Hall Attn. Karen Randle

FROM:

James H. Green, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel

Baltimore Police Department

RE:

City Council Bill 10-0530-Zoning-conditional Use Community Correction

Center-4900 East Monument Street

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0530 Zoning-conditional Use Community Correction Center-4900 East Monument Street The bill proposes to permit the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a community correction center on the property of 4900 East Monument Street.

Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc (VOAC) was recently awarded the Federal Bureau of Prisons contact that will provide services for federal ex-offenders released to Baltimore City. This is a tremendous opportunity to continue the very important work of re-entry which is essential in Baltimore. The BPD is aware of the dedicated work that VOAC has done in Baltimore and supports the overall programs that are provided. The BPD looks forward to continuing our partnership with VOAC and prioritizing the safety of our communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison cc:



