

## MEMORANDUM

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USW for Paul T Grazimo

To:

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: October 12, 2010

Re:

City Council Bill 10-0530 - Zoning - Conditional Use Community Correction Center

- 4900 East Monument Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0530, which was introduced for the purpose for the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a community correction center on the property known as 4900 East Monument Street.

The proposed legislation would authorize Volunteers of America Chesapeake to operate a community corrections center at this location. The center will provide housing, counseling and related services to transitioning inmates returning to society after their release from prison. The program has been in existence since 1981 at 4601 E. Monument Street with a 112 bed capacity. Once relocated, the new capacity will increase to approximately 135 – 145 beds.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 10-0530.

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