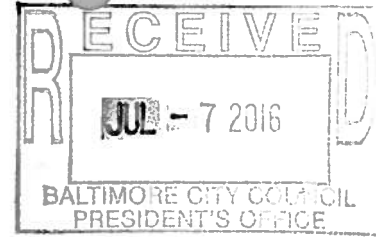




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Executive Director, HABC
Commissioner, HCD



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Paul T. Graziano, Commissioner

Date: July 5, 2016

Re: **City Council Bill 16-0658 - Baltimore City Landmark List: Exteriors
Ambassador Theatre**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0658, for the purpose of designating the Ambassador Theatre, 4604 Liberty Heights Avenue, as an historical landmark: exterior.

If enacted, this bill would recognize the historical significance and architectural design of the Ambassador Theatre by designating it as an historical landmark. The art Deco style Ambassador Theatre opened in Howard Park in 1935 was known as the most modern theater in the city. The current two-story brick building has been vacant since around 2009 and the interior was gutted by a fire in 2012. The majority of the roof is still intact and the building still retains structural integrity but at risk of further decay.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 16-0658.

PTG:sd

cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Colin Tarbert, *Deputy Mayor*

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