

The Baltimore City Department of
**HOUSING & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner 

Date: January 18, 2018

Re: **City Council Bill 17-0172 - Howard Street Commercial Historic District**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0172, for the purpose of designating the area located within certain boundaries as the Howard Street Commercial Historic District.

If enacted, this bill would improve and expand the protection for the historic properties that comprise about one and one-half city blocks along Howard Street, northwest of the Inner Harbor and immediately adjacent to Baltimore's historic retail district. The buildings in the district are mostly comprised of two- to four-story commercial structures, primarily constructed of brick, with large commercial windows on the upper stories, and highly decorative metal cornices. The designation should help promote the on-going redevelopment of the area.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 17-0172.

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cc: Ms. Karen Stokes, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
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