## 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 17-0171 – Five and Dime Historic District

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0171, for the purpose of designating the area located within certain boundaries as the Five and Dime Historic District.

If enacted, this bill would improve and expand the protection for the historic properties that comprise about five city blocks along Howard Street in the heart of Baltimore's historic retail district. The buildings in the district represent a diversity of style and material characteristic of 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial architecture. 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 17-0171.

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cc: Ms. Karen Stokes, Mayor's Office of Government Relations Mr. Kyron Banks, Mayor's Office of Government Relations

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