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**TO**

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The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
Room 400, City Hall

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City Council Bill #19-0332 has been introduced for the purpose of adopting a new Sustainability Plan for Baltimore City and providing for a special effective date. The Plan encompasses all elements of sustainability, establishes sustainability actions and strategies, incorporates racial equity throughout the Plan, and includes a comprehensive public engagement and public information component. It establishes key sustainability indicators to track the progress of implementation and is organized around a framework that includes the five themes of community, human-made systems, climate and resilience, nature in the City, and economy. There are extensive goals and strategies set forth in the plan that would be incorporated into the City's Comprehensive Master Plan as an appendix. The legislation also proposes that the Sustainability Commission annually review and submit a written report to the City Council on the state of the Plan's implementation, goal achievements, and other effects, and recommend any amendments to the Plan that the Commission finds necessary or appropriate.

The Department of Finance supports the efforts of the Sustainability Commission and the Office of Sustainability in developing this plan. We recognize the increasing evidence and awareness of the economic impacts of climate change. There is no direct fiscal impact associated with adoption of the Plan itself. However, there are costs associated with the implementation of aspects of the Plan, such as: establishing a local composting facility and increasing electrification among fleet vehicles.

The Department of Finance looks forward to working with the Office of Sustainability to implement the Plan in a fiscally sustainable way. Budget requests for additional funds to implement the Plan will be submitted and reviewed through the annual budget process. The Department of Finance supports passage of Council Bill 19-0332.

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