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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 19-0428		

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TO The Honorable President and Members of the City Council
 c/o Nina Themelis, Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the
 City Council

RE: City Council Bill 19-0428
 POSITION: Support

Human-Trafficking Notice Requirements – City-Owned and –Occupied Buildings

INTRODUCTION

The Department of General Services (DGS) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0428-Human-Trafficking Notice Requirements – City-Owned and -Occupied Buildings, as introduced by Councilman Kristerfer Burnett.

PURPOSE

The purpose of CCB 19-0428 is to require city-owned and -occupied buildings to place notices regarding the human-trafficking prevention hotline in certain locations; and conforming and clarifying related provisions. Specifically, the bill requires the department to post at least one sign in each, public restroom and public entranceway or main lobby of every City-owned and -occupied building. Based on the department's conversation with the bill sponsor, DGS will provide signage in generally publically accessible restrooms, lobbies, and elevators of City-owned and -occupied properties. The signs are greater than the minimum required size of at least 3 by 5 inches and have the required text in both English and Spanish. The signs also comply with the bill by drawing attention to the phone number of the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline by showing the phone number in bold type.

Human trafficking is often referred to as modern day slavery. In its most basic form human trafficking is fraudulently, forcibly, or coercively using another for purposes of exploitation. There are two main types of human trafficking: sex trafficking and labor trafficking. DGS is proud to work closely with the City Council to provide information to City staff members and the general public in hopes of identifying, preventing, and reporting potential human trafficking by providing signage in City-owned and -occupied buildings.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be a minimal fiscal impact on the department to create, print, post, and maintain the required signage. DGS staff time will be needed to get the full scope of the requirement and to comply with the bill.

DEPARTMENT POSITION

The department **SUPPORTS CCB 19-0428** and its efforts to create a safe environment for City employees and residents.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Director Chichi Nyagah-Nash at chichi.nyagah-nash@baltimorecity.gov or (410) 396-3704.

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