

April 19, 2007

Peter Auchincloss
Chair, Baltimore City Planning Commission
417 E. Fayette St. 8th floor
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Auchincloss,

We are writing in support of the Inclusionary Housing bill, as modified by the amendments proposed by the Inclusive Housing Coalition. Our members of Beyond the Boundaries – throughout the City – are strong advocates for inclusive housing policies which will help create quality affordable housing in thriving, mixed income neighborhoods. We are concerned that people all across the income scale – from the teacher to the home health aide, as well as older residents on fixed incomes – cannot afford to maintain homes in good neighborhoods. We strongly believe that the Inclusionary Housing bill, along with the modifications proposed by the Inclusive Housing Coalition, are necessary if the City is going to invest in all its residents – including the bus driver, the parking lot attendant, the security guard, the nurse's assistant, and all the people who make our city work.

We join with the organization members of the Baltimore City Inclusive Housing Coalition in urging you and all the members of the Baltimore City Planning Commission to support the Inclusionary Housing bill, as modified by the amendments proposed by the Inclusive Housing Coalition.

We think that such a bill will play a vital role in improving opportunities for all residents of Baltimore. Now is the time to provide a legal framework which will help provide a solid foundation of opportunity based housing for people of all income levels. The good people of Baltimore have waited for years and should not be made to wait any longer.

We are grateful for your generous service to the City of Baltimore and we hope that you will see your support of this Inclusionary Housing Bill as a continuance of your good service to our City.

With best wishes and gratitude, we are

Sincerely yours,

Most Rev. Mitchell Rozanski, D.D.
Director, Beyond the Boundaries

Most Rev. Denis Madden
Urban Vicar