

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

*Dear Beyond the Boundaries Advocates,*

On behalf of Bishop Mitchell Rozanski, Director of Beyond the Boundaries, I would like to thank and commend all of you for your prayers, emails, phone calls, and letters to Baltimore City officials and legislators, and for your presence and testimony at Planning Commission and City Hall hearings. And a special thank you also to all who attended and spoke at Baltimore City Comprehensive Master Plan hearings.

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The Baltimore City Inclusionary Housing bill has been enacted AND YOU  
PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN MAKING IT HAPPEN!!!

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You answered Jesus' call to go beyond your own individual concerns and work for the common good by creating a legal framework which will end the practice of allowing only high end developments to dictate how we grow as a city. A number of other steps must also be taken, but this law will go a long way down the path which will ensure that residents across the full income scale can live in a decent home in a healthy neighborhood.

Finally, a special thank you to Harriett Kesler who, during her seven years as Program Manager of Beyond the Boundaries, energized many people to truly work for justice through awareness, collaboration, and advocacy. She did so much to provide the building blocks for us all to promote inclusive structures in the Baltimore region.

God's blessings on all of you,

*Brother Jerry O'Leary,  
Interim Program Manager, Beyond the Boundaries*