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**SB0927**

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**TO:** Members of the Finance Committee

**FROM:** Nina Themelis, Director of the Mayor's Office of Government Relations

**RE:** Senate Bill 0927 – Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Related Event Promoter's Permit

**POSITION: FAVORABLE**

Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **supports** Senate Bill (SB) 0927.

SB 0927 will establish related event promoter's permit in Baltimore City for the Kappa Alpha Psi 2027 Conclave; authorizes the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a related event promoter's permit to certain applicants under certain circumstances; and requires a holder of a State caterer's license to obtain a certain Class C per diem license from the Board before the holder may act as a participating license holder at a related event.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is a historically Black fraternity founded in 1911. Through its worldwide prominence, Kappa Alpha Psi has had a global impact on events that affect our local communities and places around the globe. Local chapters of Kappa Alpha Psi participate in community outreach activities to feed the homeless, provide scholarships to young people matriculating to college, serve as mentors to young men, participate in blood drives, and serve as hosts of seminars for public health awareness, to name a few.

Each year, over 260,000 members of Kappa Alpha Psi converge for their grand chapter meeting, their 88<sup>th</sup> one will be held in Baltimore City and will help infuse the local economy for an entire week. This legislation would allow the third-party promoter, which may be an individual, for-profit organization, or a nonprofit organization promoting a social event related to the Kappa Alpha Psi 2027 Conclave around the time and location of the Conclave to obtain a Related Event Promoter's Permit.

For these reasons, the BCA respectfully request a **favorable** report on SB0927.