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SB 0150

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TO: Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee
FROM: Nina Themelis, Director of Mayor's Office of Government Relations
RE: Senate Bill 347 –Real Property – Recordation and Land Records – Requirements

POSITION: Support with Amendment

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) supports House Bill (HB) 347.

HB 0347 would streamline the recordation process for the Clerk of the Circuit Court to record land records.

The BCA would recommend a friendly amendment on page 12, line 17. In addition to the current language which reads "lien is \$3." We request that after this sentence, or in a separate stand-alone provision, an additional paragraph be added, stating:

"The clerk may not charge any county, any municipality, any unit of State government, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, or the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission any fee provided by this subtitle unless the county, municipality, unit of State government, or respective commission first gives its consent."

This provision mirrors the language of the fee exemption provision for recordation under Maryland Real Property Code 3-603. This would ensure that if the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) on behalf of the Baltimore City Administration, were to proceed under any provision of HB 0347, we would be exempt from any fees.

For these reasons, the BCA respectfully requests **favorable with amendment** report on HB 0347.