

1 various synagogues in the Baltimore area.

2 The objective of the Council is the promotion
3 of amicable intergroup relations, particularly in the
4 areas of interfaith and interracial relations.

5 We respectfully suggest to the Commission that
6 sound community relations necessitate the inclusion of
7 two provisions in the proposed Declaration of Rights,
8 namely, the First Amendment of the Federal Constitution
9 dealing with the establishment of religion and religious
10 freedom and the equal protection and due process pro-
11 visions of the Fourteenth Amendment.

12 It is our view that these great precepts of
13 our Federal Constitution have served the nation well,
14 and that their impact on the mores of the American people
15 would be significantly enhanced if they were to be in-
16 cluded in the constitution of every state. There may be
17 some who will contend that since these provisions are
18 presently binding in any event on local officialdom,
19 their inclusion in a Maryland Declaration of Rights
20 would be superfluous. But it must be remembered that a
21 constitution is something more than a legal document