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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND ZONING APPEALS

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The Honorable President and Members of the City Council City Hall

> Re: City Council Bill No. 10-0493-Re-Zone - Certain Properties in the Westport Area

Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill No. 10-0493 has been referred by your Honorable Body to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals for study and report.

The purpose of this legislation is to change the zoning for certain properties in the Westport Area, from R-7 Zoning district to the B-2-2 Zoning district: from the R-7 Zoning District to the B-1-2 Zoning District: from the from the M-1-1 Zoning District to the R-7 Zoning District, from the M-1-1 Zoning District to the B-2-2 Zoning District: from the M-2-1 Zoning district to the R-7 Zoning; from the M-2-1 Zoning District to the R-9 Zoning District.

The majority of the properties to be rezoned under City Council Bill No. 10-0493 are located along Annapolis Road between the Waterview and Annapolis Road bridges to the south and the railroad tracks just north of Clare Street. Other properties to be rezoned are near Cedley Street and Indiana Avenue and along Foster Avenue. Annapolis Road in this area is characterized by many vacant and deteriorated properties, with some residences and some active businesses.

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals has reviewed this legislation and the report of the Planning Commission. The BMZA concurs that City Council Bill No. 10-0493 should be amended to include the 2400 Block of Annapolis Road, which is shown on the map, but is not listed in the legislation. The BMZA has no objection to the amendment and passage of City Council Bill No. 10-0493

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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