## CITY OF BALTIMORE

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## BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND ZONING APPEALS

DAVID C. TANNER, Executive Director 417 E. Fayette Street, Room 1432 Baltimore, Maryland 21202

September 29, 2015

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: City Council Bill No. 15-497 Urban Renewal – Jonestown - Amendment

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill No. 15-497 has been referred by your Honorable Body to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals for study and report.

The purpose of City Council Bill No. 15-497 is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Jonestown to add a new disposition lot to the Renewal Plan, to revise Exhibits 1 to reflect a land use change in a portion of the new disposition lot, and to revise Exhibits 3 to reflect the addition of the new disposition lot; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date..

The BMZA has reviewed the legislation and, in agreement with the Planning Commission, recommends amendments to Bill Number 15-497 to include the more specific bill provisions: 1) amend text to add an 85 foot height limit for the new construction on the entire new disposition lot 60; 2) amend Exhibit 1: Land Use to change the land use of a portion of 1200 East Baltimore Street from Public-Park to Community Commercial; and 3) amend Exhibit 3: Land Disposition to create disposition lot number 60 for Commercial land use with a square footage +/- 21,000 square feet.

The BMZA supports the passage of Bill 14-0497 with the afore mentioned amendments.

Sincerely,

David C. Tanner **Executive Director** 

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CC: Mayors Office of Council Relations

Legislative Reference

Four w/ April