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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND ZONING APPEALS

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September 26, 2011

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council City Hall

> Re: City Council Bill #11-0675 Urban Renewal -Key Highway South Renewal Area Designation and Urban Renewal Plan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill #11-0675 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 repeal the Urban Renewal Plan for Key Highway East - Industrial and replacing by designating as a "Renewal Area", an area situated in Baltimore City, Maryland known as Key Highway South, bounded generally by Fort Avenue to the alley behind Woodall Street to Key Highway, then moving north up Key Highway to the property line of 1459 Key Highway, east along the property line to the pier head line, following the pier head line to the property of 1401 Key Highway, moving west along the property line to the northern property line of 1321 Key Highway to the center of Key Highway, then continuing south on Key Highway to the alley behind Webster Street, to the alley behind Harvey Street, from Harvey Street, south to Lawrence Street and back up to Fort Avenue; approving a Renewal Plan for Key Highway South; establishing the objectives of the Plan; establishing permitted land uses in the Renewal Area; providing for Planning Department and Community review of development in the Renewal Area; providing that the provisions of the Zoning Code apply to the properties in the Project Area; providing certain City-owned land and property interests within the Project Area may be sold, leased, conveyed, or transferred; creating disposition lots; providing that certain land is dedicated to public open space; providing that certain land is dedicated to public open space; providing for the establishment of any easements, to the extent reasonably feasible, by the developer prior to any issuance of building permits for new development; providing that where there may be a conflict between the provisions of the Renewal Plan and the provisions of any Planned Unit Development, the provisions of the Planned Unit Development control; providing for the term of the Plan; establishing procedures for amending the Plan; providing that in the event of any question regarding the provisions of the Plan, the





interpretation by the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development is final and binding; approving exhibits and appendix to the Plan; providing for design guidelines; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; and providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances.

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals has reviewed this legislation and has no objection to the amendment and approval of City Council Bill No. 11-0675.

Sincerely,

David C. Tanner Executive Director

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