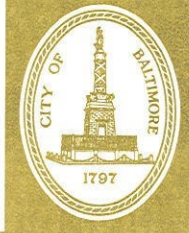


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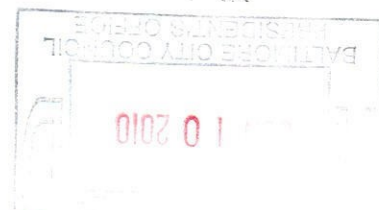
Honorable President and Members
of the City Council

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On June 9 2010 the Board had before it for consideration the following pending City Council Bill:

10-0484 - An Ordinance concerning Downtown Management District - Adjustment to Supplemental Tax for the purpose of changing the procedures for setting the surcharge rate for the Downtown Management District; changing the procedures for borrowing capital funds by the District; increasing the authorized amount of outstanding long term debt that the District may issue; conforming related provisions; and generally relating to the Downtown Management District (DMD).

THE LAW DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT BILL 10-0484, WOULD ALLOW THE DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD TO CREATE LONG-TERM DEBT THAT (DEFINED AS DEBT THAT WOULD SURVIVE BEYOND THE NEXT RENEWAL PERIOD OF THE DMD) WITH APPROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD, WITHOUT NEEDING APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES. IT WOULD ALSO ALLOW THAT LONG-TERM DEBT TO BE IN THE AMOUNT UP TO \$20,000,000.00. CURRENTLY, THE BOARD CAN ONLY AUTHORIZE UP TO \$2,000,000.00 IN LONG-TERM DEBT IF APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES. ADDITIONALLY, THIS BILL PROVIDES THAT THE SUPPLEMENTAL TAX COULD BE LEVIED AFTER THE TERMINATION OF THE DMD IF NEEDED TO FULFILL ANY REMAINING DEBT SERVICE OBLIGATIONS. THE LAW DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDER REMOVING THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO LONG-TERM DEBT. THE LAW DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL SUBJECT TO THE AMENDMENTS DISCUSSED ABOVE.



CITY COUNCIL BILL - cont'd

THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING CONCURS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF ITS DEPARTMENTAL STAFF AND RECOMMENDS THAT BILL NO. 10-0484 BE AMENDED AND PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

After reviewing all reports received, the Board approved the Bill **SUBJECT** to the Bill being amended as referenced above and referred it to the City Council with the recommendation that it be approved and passed by that Honorable Body **with the amendments** proposed by the Law Department and the Department of Planning.

The President ABSTAINED from voting.

Sincerely,

 *Bernice H. Taylor* June 9, 2010

Bernice H. Taylor
Clerk to the Board of Estimates