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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND
ZONING APPEALS

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417 E. Fayette Street, Room 1432
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

March 23, 2016

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

Re: City Council Bill No. 16-0616 - Hookah Lounges

Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill No. 16-0616 has been referred by your Honorable Body to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals for study and report.

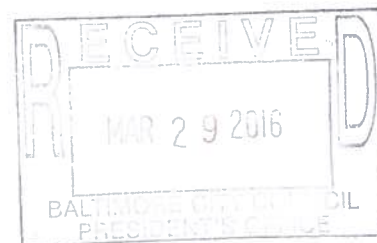
The purpose of City Council Bill No. 16-0616 is authorize hookah lounges as conditional uses (ordinance required) in certain zoning districts; defining certain terms; specifying certain considerations for these uses; excepting hookah lounges from the definition of an after-hours establishment; excepting hookah lounges from the City's indoor smoking restrictions, subject to certain conditions; repealing two other, preempted and no-longer valid, exceptions to the City's indoor smoking restrictions; excepting properly zoned hookah lounges from having to obtain a late-night operations license; and generally relating to the zoning and operation of hookah lounges.

The BMZA has reviewed the legislation and concurs with recommendations presented by The Planning Commission, The Planning Department, The Department of Law, The Fire Department and Baltimore Housing. The Board, therefor, recommends disapproval of Bill Number 16-0616.

Sincerely,

David C. Tanner
Executive Director

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CC: Mayors Office of Council Relations
Legislative Reference

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