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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND
ZONING APPEALS

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

May 29, 2009

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall

Re: City Council Bill #09-0330 Re-Zoning -- Video Lottery Terminals

Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill # 09-0330 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 allow a video lottery facility as a permitted use in certain districts; defining certain terms and providing for a special effective date.

Baltimore City Entertainment Group (BCEG) is the entity that has applied for a license to operate a facility in Baltimore City. The State Constitution requires that a facility must be on property that is owned by Baltimore City. Baltimore Development Corporation currently owns the land which comprises the Gateway South Planned Unit Development. BCEG has entered into negotiations with the Gateway south Developers for exclusive development rights to that plan. The intended use is for the new VLT facility. The final requirement for the location of video lottery facilities is that they must comply with all applicable planning and zoning laws of the local jurisdiction. It is for that reason that a zoning code amendment is needed.

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals has reviewed this legislation and the Report of the Planning Commission. The BMZA has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill #09-0330.

Sincerely,

David C. Tanner
Executive Director

C.c. Mayors Office of Council Relations
Legislative Reference



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