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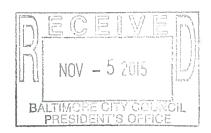


BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND ZONING APPEALS

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

November 5, 2015

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



Re:

City Council Bill No. 15-0587 - University of Maryland Baltimore BioPark

Development – Bond Ordinance

Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill No. 15-0587 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. 15-0587 is to authorize the issuance of special obligation bonds; authorizing the pledge by the City, subject to appropriation, of Tax Increment Revenues and Special Tax Revenues (as such terms are defined herein) to the payment of debt service on such special obligation bonds, the replenishment of any reserves, and the payment of certain expenses and administrative costs; providing that such bonds may be issued from time to time and in one or more issues or series in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$17,500,000 for the purpose of financing infrastructure improvements and related costs, including, without limitation, the Project (defined herein), and other necessary improvements to, from, or within the development district, and certain other infrastructure improvements permitted by the Acts (defined herein); providing for the method and sources of payment for such special obligation bonds; providing that the City, in each fiscal year in which any such bonds are outstanding, use its best efforts to obtain the appropriation of the Tax increment Revenues and the Special Tax Revenues in the amounts and at the times specified in a trust agreement or agreements between the City and a bank or trust company appointed as trustees thereunder; authorizing the Board of Finance to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for and approve the details, forms, documents or procedures in connection with



such special obligation bonds and any other matters necessary or desirable in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale, and payment of such special obligation bonds; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the issuance and payment of such special obligation bonds.

The BMZA has reviewed the legislation and supports the passage of Bill Number 15-0587.

Sincerely,

David C. Tanner

Executive Director

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CC: Mayors Office of Council Relations

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Legislative Reference