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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND
ZONING APPEALS

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January 4, 2016

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

Re: City Council Bill No. 15-0576 Planning Commission – Site Specific Matters –
Notice and Hearing on Applications for Final Administrative Decisions

Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill No. 15-0576 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. 15-0576 is to require a public hearing by the
Planning Commission, with posted notice, for all site-specific matters over which the
Planning Commission has the final administrative authority; specifying the size, contents,
construction, and number of the signs to be posted and the manner and timing of their
posting; qualifying the Planning Commission's authority to determine what constitutes a
"minor modification" to a Planned Unit Development; modifying certain provisions
requiring advance delivery to Councilmembers of Commission meeting agendas; and
correcting, clarifying, and conforming related language.

The BMZA has reviewed the legislation and has reviewed the Department of Planning
Staff's Report and the Department of Law's Report and recommendations and concurs
with the Planning Commission and the City Solicitor responses and the Board
recommends that City Council Bill No. 15-576 be disapproved at this time.

Sincerely,

David C. Tanner
Executive Director

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CC: Mayors Office of Council Relations
Legislative Reference

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