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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND ZONING APPEALS

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

October 24, 2008

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council City Hall

Re: City Council Bill #08-0160 - Westport Waterfront Development District

Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill # 08-0160 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 designate a "development district" to be known as The "Westport Waterfront Development District": providing for a special effective date; and generally providing for matters relating to the designation and operation of the development district, the establishment and use of the tax increment fund to provide for the payment by or reimbursement to the City for debt service which the City is obligated to pay or has paid (whether such obligation is general or limited) on any special obligation bonds or notes issued by the City or any "state obligations" issued in connection with the development district, the replenishment of any reserve fund, and the payment of certain expenses and administrative costs related to the operation of the development fund.

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals has reviewed this legislation and is in support of the concept of the establishment of the tax increment fund. However, this legislation has no impact on zoning and is not affected by it. Therefore, the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill #08-160.





Sincerely,

David C. Tanner Executive Director

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C.c. Mayors Office of Council Relations Legislative Reference