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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND ZONING APPEALS

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March 22, 2010

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council City Hall

> Re: City Council Bill #10-0442 – Urban Renewal Amendment Upton

Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill #10-0442 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 amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Upton to allow for the outdoor display of merchandise to the public in the B-1 and B-2 Zoning districts. In June of 2006, an amendment to the Zoning Code allowed for the display of merchandise to the public in the B-1 and B-2 Zoning Districts to the extent expressly authorized by an applicable Urban Renewal Plan. City Council Bill 10-0442 amends the Upton Urban Renewal Plan to allow for the outdoor display of merchandise in the public right of way in the Upton Renewal Plan area.

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals has reviewed this legislation and the report from the Planning Commission. The BMZA has no objection to the amendment and passage of City Council Bill #10-0442.

Sincerely,

David C. Tanner **Executive Director**

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