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## BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND ZONING APPEALS

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

December 14, 2012

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

Re:

City Council Bill No. 12-0172: Zoning - Administrative Appeal Standing for

Community Associations

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill No. 12-0172 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. 12-0172 is to grant standing to registered community associations for administrative appeals of Zoning Administrator decisions; and generally relating to administrative appeals of zoning decisions.

City Council Bill No. 12-0172 proposes to amend the language of Section 17-201 {Who may appeal} of the Baltimore City Zoning Code. Enacting City Council Bill No. 12-0172 would give a third party - registered community associations in Baltimore City – the right to appeal a decision of the Zoning Administrator. The BMZA is of the opinion that this legislation will significantly affect the appeal process and therefore respectfully requests deferral of this Agency's response until a later date for the purpose of preparing a more detailed evaluation of the Bill.

Sincerely,

David C. Tanner
Executive Director

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Mayors Office of Council Relations

Legislative Reference

