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**BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND
ZONING APPEALS**

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The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall

**Re: City Council Resolution #10-0224R Investigative Hearing –Broadcasting of
Baltimore City Government Proceedings**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

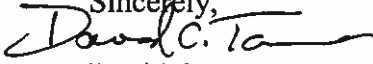
City Council Resolution # 10-0224 R has been referred by your Honorable Body to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals for study and report.

The purpose of this legislation is to examine the logistical requirements for, and efficacy of, requiring that meetings and/or hearings of the Board of Estimates, the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, the Board of Liquor License Commissioners be broadcast on cable TV or web cast to provide greater transparency, accountability, and openness to the workings of government and to give a wider audience to Baltimore City citizens unable to attend to attend government meetings in person.

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals is in support of holding a hearing to explore the possibility of broadcasting the Zoning Board hearings. If hearings can be televised and broadcast at a time when more people can watch them, that would increase public awareness of zoning hearings and allow for more informed public participation in the hearing process. Some of the issues to explore would be how to pay for the televising of Hearings and what technical assistance would be necessary,

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill No. 10-0224R.

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Sincerely,

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Executive Director

C.c. Mayors Office of Council Relations
Legislative Reference
