## CITY OF BALTIMORE

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## BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND ZONING APPEALS

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October 24, 2008

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council City Hall

Re: City Council Bill #08-0161 - Westport Waterfront - Special Taxing District

Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill No. 08-0161 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 "special taxing district" to be known as The Westport Waterfront Special Taxing District; providing for and determining various matters in connection with the establishment of the special taxing district; creating a special fund for the special taxing district; providing for the levy of a special tax on all taxable real and personal property located in the special taxing district; providing for a special effective date; and generally providing for matters relating to the designation and operation of the special taxing district, the establishment and use of the special fund as well as authorizing the pledge of the special tax revenues to the payment by or reimbursement to the City for debt service or related costs 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 conjunction with the special taxing district, the replenishment of any reserve fund, and the payment of certain expenses and administrative costs related to the operation of the special taxing district.

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals has reviewed this legislation and is in support of the concept of the special taxing district 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 #08-0161.



Sincerely,

David C. Tanner Executive Director

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C.c. Mayors Office of Council Relations Legislative Reference