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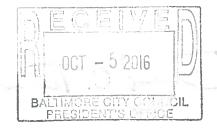


## BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND ZONING APPEALS

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

October 5, 2016

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



Re:

City Council Bill No. 16-734 Rezoning - Certain Properties in the Remington

Central Business Area

Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill No. 16-734 has been referred by your Honorable Body to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals ("BMZA" or "Board") for study and report.

The purpose of City Council Bill No. 16-734 is to change the zoning for certain properties in the Remington Central Business Area, as outlined in blue on the accompanying plat, from the R-7 Zoning District to the B-1-2 Zoning District; as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-8 Zoning District to the B-1-2 Zoning District; and as outlined in green on the accompanying plat, from the R-9 Zoning District to the B-1-2 Zoning District.

The BMZA has reviewed the proposed legislation in consideration of the requirements imposed by Land Use Article § 10-305 (2) and ZC§16-305 (b) and (c) including: a) a study of the proposed changes in relation to: 1) the plan; the needs of Baltimore City; the needs of the particular neighborhood in the vicinity of the proposed changes; b) whether the adoption of the proposed change in zoning classification is in the public interest and not solely for the interest of the applicant; and c) a consideration of: (1) review of the existing uses of property within the general area of the property in question, (2) the zoning classification of other property within the general area of the property in question, (3) the suitability of the property in question for the uses permitted under its existing zoning classification, and (4) the trend of development, if any, in the general area of the property in question, including changes, if any, that have taken place since the property in question was placed in its present zoning classification. Further, the Board has reviewed the report and recommendation of the Planning Commission, as well as the Staff Report and recommendation prepared by the Planning Department.

Fau W comments

The Board agrees with and adopts the detailed and thorough Staff Report and recommendation of the Planning Commission. After careful and thorough review, the Board finds, for the reasons discussed in the Planning Department Staff Report, and pursuant to ZC §16-305(b), that the zoning district changes to the properties subject to City Council Bill No. 16-734 are in the public interest and not solely for the benefit of the applicant for these non-conforming structures and recommends the passage of City Council Bill No. 16-734.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

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CC: Mayors Office of Council Relations

Legislative Reference