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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND ZONING APPEALS

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October 16, 2017

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

Zoning - Conditional Use Banquet Hall - The Second Floor Rear Area and the Adjoining Fenced-In Patio - 5604 York Road (AKA 5609 Hess Avenue)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill No. 17-0099 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. 17-0099 is to permit, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a banquet hall on the second floor rear area and the adjoining fenced-in patio on the property known as 5604 York Road (aka 5609 Hess Avenue), as outlined in red on the plat submitted in support of this request, and providing for a special effective date.

The BMZA has reviewed the legislation and recommends approval to the passage of Bill Number 17-0099, with the amendment pertaining to the provision of off-street parking proposed and supported by the Planning Department, HCD, and the Parking Authority. The establishment, location, construction, maintenance, and operation of the proposed banquet hall would not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, or welfare; the proposed use is not precluded by any other law, including an applicable Urban Renewal Plan; this authorization is not contrary to the public interest; and this authorization and proposed use are in harmony with the purpose and intent of Article 32 of the Baltimore City Code.

Sincerely,

David C. Tanner Executive Director

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Legislative Reference

