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### **CITY BOARD OF ESTIMATES APPROVES SLOTS AGREEMENT**

***Rawlings-Blake says agreement will bring tax relief, job creation & education funding***

BALTIMORE—Today, the Baltimore City Board of Estimates approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Baltimore City Entertainment Group for a voter-approved Video Lottery Terminal Facility. City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, who serves as chair of the Board of Estimates, made the following remarks:

“In November's historic election, by a margin of nearly 20 percentage points, City voters overwhelmingly approved the constitutional amendment to allow slot machines at five designated locations across the state, including here in Baltimore City,” Rawlings-Blake said.

“By approving this agreement today, we are paving the way for the largest property tax reduction in recent memory, generating millions of dollars in future funding for public schools and creating more than a thousand new jobs,” Rawlings-Blake said.

“During the next several weeks, I will be working with the administration and my Council colleagues to move forward and introduce the appropriate zoning legislation. It is very important to me that the rezoning process is completely open, transparent and subject to public scrutiny. By introducing the legislation to the City Council, we can ensure that the citizens of Baltimore continue to be part of the process as we move forward,” Rawlings-Blake said.

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