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The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary Room 409, City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 21-0183 - Sale of Property - WS S Hanover St

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0183 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at WS S Hanover Street, known as 1996 S Hanover Street, (Block 1028, 005D) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Article V, Section 5 (b) of the Baltimore City Charter grants the Department of Real Estate in the Comptroller's Office the power to arrange for the disposition of any building or parcel of land no longer needed by the City for public use, if that sale is approved by the Board of Estimates. Assuming the agency reports reveal that the property is no longer needed for public use, this is the appropriate ordinance to authorize disposition of the subject property. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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