

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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May 23, 2008

The Honorable President and
Members of the Baltimore
City Council
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
409 City Hall
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: City Council Bill 08-0054 –Midtown community Benefits District and
Management Authority-Renewal through June 30, 2008.


Dear President and Members

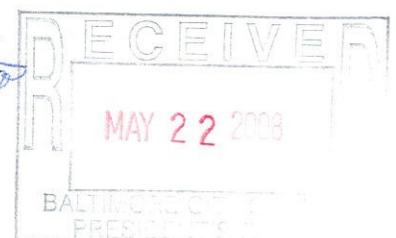
You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 08-0054. City Council Bill 54 is for the purpose of renewing and continuing the Midtown Community Benefits district and the management Authority.

Article II, section 63(h)(1) of the Baltimore City Charter states “The Mayor and City Council shall review the effectiveness and desirability of continuing the existence of any district established under this section every 4 years from the enactment of the ordinance.” With regard to the Midtown Community Benefits District, Article 14, Section 7-16 of the Baltimore City Code provides that “no later than 4 years after the enactment of this subtitle and every 4 years thereafter, the Mayor and City Council shall hold 1 or more public hearings to evaluate the activities and undertakings of the Authority and the District. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Mayor and City Council shall determine whether the District is to continue for another 4 years.” The City Council has followed the procedures set forth in Section 7-16 for the renewal of the District and the Authority and by this resolution sets forth its findings and refers the matter to the Board of Estimates to perform its duties with regard to the renewal of the District and Authority as stated in Section 7-14(e).

The Law Department, therefore, approves the City Council Bill 08-0054 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,


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