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

Re: City Council Bill 11-0645– Urban Renewal – Johnston Square –  
Amendment

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0645 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill reauthorizes, for an additional four years, the currently existing condemnation authority for properties located in the Johnston Square Urban Renewal Area. Reauthorization is required to comply with Section 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Maryland Code, which was enacted in 2007. This law terminated any then existing state or local condemnation authority as of July 1, 2011 and required that it be reauthorized. *See* 2007 Laws of Md., ch. 305, §3. This bill is the required reauthorization of the existing condemnation authority for the Johnston Square Urban Renewal Area. Since any change to an Urban Renewal Plan must be made by ordinance, the Law Department recommends deleting the word “substantial” in line 21 on page 1 to more accurately reflect the mandate of Section 2-6(g)(1) of Article 13 of the City Code.

Accordingly, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 11-0645 for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Assistant Solicitor



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