## CITY OF BALTIMORE

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## DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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

> Re: City Council Bill 16-0722 – Sale of Property –Former Bed of a Portion of

a 12-Foot Alley

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0722 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to sell its interest in the former bed of a portion of a 12-foot alley, as detailed on the accompanying plat, declaring it no longer needed for public use. It reserves a full width perpetual easement for municipal utilities and services.

Section 5(b) of Article V of the City Charter grants the Department of Real Estate in the Comptroller's Office the power to sell property that the Mayor and City Council deems by ordinance no longer needed for public use, if that sale is approved by the Board of Estimates. This is the appropriate ordinance. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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