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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 18-0263 - Charter Amendment - Commission Recommendations
for the Office of Inspector General

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has been asked to review City Council Bill 18-0263 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill amends the City Charter and repeals certain obsolete transition provisions; establishing an Office of the Inspector General headed by an Inspector General; providing for the establishment of an ad hoc board of the Office of the Inspector General to make recommendations regarding the appointment and removal of the Inspector General; allowing the Mayor and the City Council President to jointly appoint or remove the Inspector General after receiving recommendations from an ad hoc board of the Office of the Inspector General; establishing the powers, duties, and administration of the Office of the Inspector General; allowing the Inspector General to issue subpoenas; generally relating to the Office of the Inspector General; setting conditions for the initial Inspector General to assume office under the Charter; setting a special effective date; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection

The substance of the bill presents no legal impediments.

Under Article XI-A, Section 5 of the Maryland Constitution, a resolution of the Mayor and City Council, such as City Council Bill 18--0263, is an appropriate method of initiating an amendment to the Baltimore City Charter. The Law Department, therefore, approves the resolution for form and legal sufficiency as drafted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victor K. Tervalo', written over a horizontal line.

Victor K. Tervalo
Chief Solicitor

cc: Andre M. Davis, City Solicitor
Karen Stokes, Director, Mayor's Office of Government Relations
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