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	<b>SUBJECT</b>	City Council Bill 19-0432		

**DATE:** October 31, 2019

**TO**

**TO** Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

**INTRODUCTION**

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 19-0432 introduced by Council Member Schleifer, President Scott, Council Members Cohen, Dorsey, Henry, Burnett, and Reisinger.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Bill is to repeal the prohibition on erecting campaign signs on residential property prior to a certain date; and to conform and clarify related provisions.

**BRIEF HISTORY**

Article 19 Subtitle 46 of the Baltimore City Code prohibits, among other things, the placement of campaign signs on the exterior or in the yard of any dwelling before the last day on which a certificate of candidacy may be withdrawn. These signs are required to be removed from exteriors or yards of dwellings within 30 days after any primary election by an unsuccessful candidate and within 30 days after any general election day by all candidates. It is these provisions that this Bill is either deleting or modifying.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The Department of Public Works is not involved in any enforcement actions related to campaign signs posted on private property; therefore, the Department does not anticipate any fiscal impact resulting from enactment of this legislation.

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION**

The Department of Public Works defers to the Department of Law on City Council Bill 19-0432. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Marcia Collins at 410-396-1960 ([Marcia.Collins@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Marcia.Collins@baltimorecity.gov)).

Sincerely,

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