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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 10-0619 – Waterfront Management District and
Waterfront Management Authority – Renewal Through April 23, 2015

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0619 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would renew and continue the Waterfront Management District and Management Authority for another four years. It was created by Ordinance 07-0417 pursuant to authorization from the Maryland General Assembly that allowed the City to create community benefits districts. *See* 1994 Md. Laws ch. 732, codified in City Charter, Art. II, §63. In 1997, the General Assembly passed a law requiring that it reauthorize community benefits districts every four years, but in 2000 transferred the reauthorization function to the Mayor and City Council. *See* 1997 Md. Laws ch. 655; 2000 Md. Laws ch. 89, codified in City Charter, Art. II, §§63(g); (h)(1)(iii). The reauthorization requirement specific to the Waterfront Management District and Management Authority has been codified in Section 8-16 of Article 14 of the City Code. This bill is the required reauthorization pursuant to that section, which the Law Department approves for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,


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