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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 25-0019 – Midtown Community Benefits District and Authority –
Establishment

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 25-0019 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would recreate the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority. It was created originally by Ordinance 95-613 pursuant to authorization from the Maryland General Assembly that allowed the City to create community benefits districts. 1994 Md. Laws ch. 732. 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. 1997 Md. Laws ch. 655; 2000 Md. Laws ch. 89; 2003 Md. Laws ch. 475. This District was not timely renewed. Therefore, this bill is required to recreate the benefits district and authority. Charter, Art. II, § (63). Once it is enacted, an election can take place so that the requisite number of voters within the boundaries of the district can approve its recreation.

The Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hilary Ruley".

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Chief Solicitor

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