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

Attn: Karen Randle Executive Secretary

Re: City Council Bill No. 12-0036 – Charles Village Community Benefits
District – Board Representation

Dear President and City Council Members:

You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 12-0036. City Council Bill 36 amends Art. 14, Sec. 6-6 of the Baltimore City Code to replace the Waverly Merchants Association representative as a member of the Board of the Charles Village Community Benefits District with a representative of the Waverly Main Street organization.

Article II, Section 63 (c)(4) grants the City authority to by ordinance create community benefits districts and provides that the ordinance shall address the organization and method of initial appointment of officers and board members of the Authority. The majority of the members of the board shall be owners or representatives of owners of properties in the district that are subject to taxes or charges.

The bill is consistent with the authority of the City Council. Accordingly, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 12-0036 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

Elena R. DiPietro
Chief Solicitor

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Angela Gibson, City Council Liaison, Mayor's Office
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