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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 17-0148 - Sale of Property— Former Beds of Water Street and Hollingsworth Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0148 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land known as the former bed of Water Street, extending from Grant Street easterly 157.3 feet, more or less, to South Calvert Street, and the former bed of Hollingsworth Street, extending southerly 159.6 feet, more or less, to East Lombard Street and no longer needed for public use. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

Article V, Section 5 (b) of the Baltimore City Charter grants the Department of Real Estate in the Comptroller's Office the power to arrange for the disposition of any building or parcel of land no longer needed by the City for public use, if that sale is approved by the Board of Estimates. Assuming the agency reports reveal that the property is no longer needed for public use, this is the appropriate ordinance to authorize disposition of the subject property. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Victor K. Tervalo", is written over the typed name.

Victor K. Tervalo  
Chief Solicitor

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