

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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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 16-0682 – Sale of Property – The Former Bed of a  
Portion of West Franklin Street

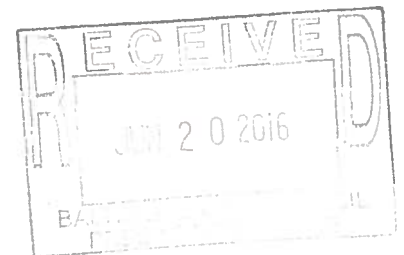
Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0682 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to sell its interest in the former bed of a portion of West Franklin Street, as detailed on the accompanying plat, declaring it no longer needed for public use. It reserves a full width perpetual easement for municipal utilities and services.

Section 5(b) of Article V of the City Charter grants the Department of Real Estate in the Comptroller's Office the power to sell property that the Mayor and City Council deems by ordinance no longer needed for public use, if that sale is approved by the Board of Estimates. This is the appropriate ordinance. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Solicitor



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