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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 11-0692 – Urban Renewal – Middle East - Amendment

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0692 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East (hereinafter the "Plan") to establish that residential nonconforming uses authorized by the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals are only allowed in structures located on a corner. The bill amends the Plan to conform, correct and clarify certain provisions concerning nonconforming uses and noncomplying structures. The bill also provides that it takes effect on the date of enactment.

Section 2-6(g)(1) of Article 13 of the City Code requires that any change to an Urban Renewal Plan be made by ordinance. As this is the appropriate mechanism for making changes to the Plan and there are no legal impediments to those changes, Law Department approves City Council Bill 11-0692 for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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