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October 31, 2013

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
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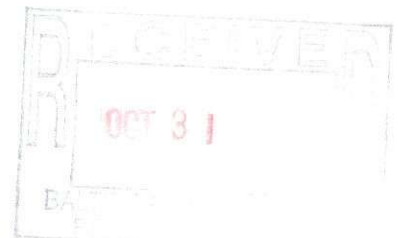
Re: City Council Bill 13-0277 – Video Lottery Terminal Capital
Appropriation Transfer –3 Department of Housing and Community Development (Account
#9910-905962-9587) – \$1,078,000 to the Department of Recreation and Parks (Account #9938-
918032-9475 - \$453,000), the Department of Transportation (Account #9950-916050-9528 -
\$380,000), Baltimore Development Corporation (Account #9910,921100-9600 - \$130,000), and
the Department of General Services (Account #9916-920020-9194 - \$115,000)

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0277 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill proposes to transfer a total of \$1,078,000 in funds appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development in the Fiscal 2014 Ordinance of Estimates to the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Transportation, the Baltimore Development Corporation, and the Department of General Services.

Article VI, Section 9 of the Baltimore City Charter provides that upon the recommendation of the Board of Estimates, the City Council by ordinance may authorize the transfer of an appropriation contained in the Ordinance of Estimates from one municipal agency to another municipal agency. If the transfer involves new or different amounts for capital projects from those stated in the capital budget portion of the Ordinance of Estimates, the transfer shall not be authorized unless the Board of Estimates has received and considered the reports and recommendations of the Planning Commission and the Director of Finance.

The Board of Estimates recommended the transfer on October 16, 2013. Assuming that the Board of Estimates considered the reports and recommendations of the Department of Planning and the Department of Finance, the requirements of the Charter have been satisfied and the bill is



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consistent with the authority of the City Council. The Law Department, therefore, approves Council Bill 13-0277 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,


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