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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 13-0245 – Rezoning – 2038 Eastern Avenue

Dear President and City Council Members:

City Council Bill 13-0245 authorizes the rezoning of property known as 2038 Eastern Avenue from the R-8 Zoning District to the O-R-3 Zoning District. Pursuant to the City Zoning Code ("ZC"), a bill concerning a change in the zoning classification of any property is classified as a "legislative authorization." ZC § 16-101(c)(1). Legislative authorizations require certain procedures to be followed in the bill's passage which include, among other things, submission of the bill to the Planning Commission for its review and subsequent report on the legislation. See ZC §§ 16-301& 16-302.

The Law Department believes the information contained in the Planning Commission's report may impact on the legal analysis of the bill. For this reason, the Law Department respectfully requests approval to delay its report on the above bill until we have had an opportunity to review the Planning Commission's report.

Sincerely,

Special Assistant Solicitor

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