## CITY OF BALTIMORE

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## DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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June 8, 2016

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 16-0650 - Sale of Property—111 South Hanover Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0650 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell property owned by it at 111 South Hanover Street, declaring it 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.

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