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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 11-0639 – Commission for Historical and Architectural
Preservation – Review Plans for City-Owned Property

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0639. The bill would modify the language in Section 4-9 of Article 6 of the City Code to clarify that the agency responsible for preparing a plan to reconstruct, alter or demolish any City-owned structure must submit that plan to the Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation (“CHAP”) for review. Currently, the law does not specify which agency within the City is required to forward these plans to CHAP. In addition, the bill gives CHAP 90 days to review those plans instead of 45.

This bill is in accordance with the powers granted to the Mayor and City Council by the General Assembly to legislate to preserve historical and architectural structures and landmarks. *See Md. Code, Art. 66B, §§2.05, 2.12.* The Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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