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October 5, 2022

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 22-0114R – Informational Hearing – Baltimore City’s  
Effort to Retain Professional Staff

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0114R for form and legal sufficiency. The bill is for the purpose of inviting the City Administrator, the Director of the Department of Human Resources, and the Director of the Department of Finance to come before the City Council to discuss the Managerial and Professional Society Pay-for-Performance system and what efforts the City is making to ensure that the appropriate funds are allocated in the annual budget to support this program so the City can retain its professional staff.

The City Council has an inherent power to investigate “in furtherance of its legislative function.” 4 McQuillin Mun. Corp. § 13:7. A resolution is an appropriate way for the City Council of Baltimore to conduct an informational hearing. *See, e.g., Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium*, 313 Md. 413, 428 (1988).

Therefore, the Law Department approves this resolution for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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