



March 29, 2012

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 12-0027R – Demolition Funds Deconstruction

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0027R for form and legal sufficiency. The bill calls for supporting the Baltimore Safe and Sound Campaign's request to dedicate a portion of the City's demolition budget to fund the deconstruction of vacant homes by ex-prisoners.

Resolutions such as the one embodied in Council Bill 12-0027R are "an expression of opinion or mind concerning some particular item of business coming within the legislative body's official cognizance..." *Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium*, 313 Md. 413, 428 (1988) (quoting *McQuillin Mun. Corp.* § 15:2 (3rd Ed.)). As such, the bill is an appropriate expression of the Council's resolve to request that certain portions of the budget be used in the requested manner.

The Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victor K. Tervala".

Victor K. Tervala
Assistant Solicitor

cc: George Nilson, City Solicitor
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Elena DiPietro, Chief Solicitor
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