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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 16-0713 – Baltimore City Landmark List: Exteriors—
Greater Faith Baptist Church

Dear President and City Council Members:

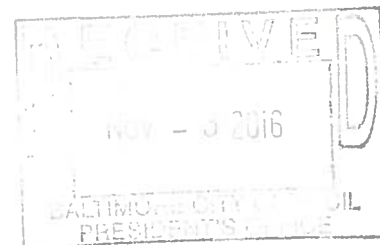
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0713 for form and legal sufficiency. It would designate the Greater Faith Baptist Church, 3000-3004 Huntingdon Avenue, as an historical landmark.

An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council is required to add a structure to the “Landmark List: Exteriors.” BCC, Art. 6, §4-2(1). The City Council must refer the bill for written reports and recommendations to the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP), the Planning Commission, and any other agency that the Council President designates. BCC Art. 6, §4-5(a). Section 4-6 of Article 6 sets forth the public notice and hearing requirements. Receipt of the CHAP report is a prerequisite to the holding of a hearing on a bill seeking to add a structure to the “Landmark List: Exteriors” when the bill was not initiated by CHAP, as is the case here. BCC, Art. 6, §4-8(b). However, if CHAP does not submit a report within 100 days of the referral, the Council may proceed to set a hearing on the bill without a CHAP report. BCC, Art. 6, §4-8(c).

Both CHAP and the Planning Commission have approved the landmark designation. Assuming the notice and hearing requirements are satisfied, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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