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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 09-0330 {Zoning – Video Lottery Facilities}

Dear Madame President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0330 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would amend the Baltimore City Zoning Code to define “video lottery facility” and allow a video lottery facility as a permitted use in the B-2 and M-2 zoning districts. While the Zoning Code applies City-wide, video lottery facilities would not be allowed in any location other than the Carroll Camden area due to state law provisions. *See* Md. Constitution Art. XIX, Section 1(c)(3)(v).

The bill is consistent with State laws on video lottery terminals. *See* Md. Constitution Art. XIX, Section 1; Chapter 4 of Maryland Chapter Laws of 2007 Special Session (SB 3 of 2007 S1). Therefore, the Law Department approves Council Bill 09-0330 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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