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January 17, 2019

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 19-0316 – Supplemental General Fund Operating Appropriation –  
Baltimore City Information and Technology – \$5,217,659

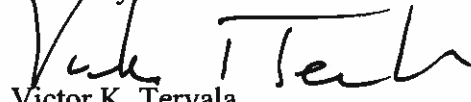
Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0316 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$5,217,659 to the Baltimore City Information and Technology.

The City Charter establishes the criteria for making supplementary appropriations. Section 8(b)(3) of Article VI of the City Charter permits such a supplementary appropriation when there has been “a material change in circumstance or additional appropriations for new programs which could not reasonably be anticipated at the time of the formulation of the proposed Ordinance of Estimates” for Fiscal Year 2019. The supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and must be approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance, which must identify the source of the funds. Section 8(c) of Article VI of the City Charter requires that the ordinance encompass only a “single program, purpose, activity or project.”

The Law Department is prepared to approve the bill as drafted, provided all conditions for approval have been met including, as required by City Charter, Art. VI, §8(b)(3), that the bill is approved by a vote of three-fourths of the members of the City Council.

Sincerely,

  
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