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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 17-0110 – Baltimore City Landmark List: Exteriors – Our
Savior Lutheran Church

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-00110 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill designates Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3301 The Alameda, as an historical landmark: exterior.

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 sets forth the public notice and hearing requirements. If a bill seeks to add a structure to the “Landmark List: Exteriors” and was not initiated by CHAP, the City Council may not take action to add the structure to that list without first referring the action to CHAP for a written report and recommendation. Art. 6, §4-8(b).

Assuming CHAP reviews the bill and approves the landmark designation and the notice and hearing requirements are satisfied, the Law Department can approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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