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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 12-0077R – Request for State Action – Community
Association Standing

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0077R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution seeks to ask the General Assembly to enact and the Governor to sign a law that would give Community Associations “the same access to the State Court system for zoning disputes enjoyed by community associations in other Maryland jurisdictions.”

Since a resolution of the City Council is typically used to address matters of concern to the City or policy matters that impact the City but are outside of the realm of the City Council’s authority to act, City Council Bill 12-0077R is the appropriate manner in which to discuss this topic. *McQuillin, Municipal Corporations*, §§15.01 *et seq.*; *see also Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium*, 313 Md. 413, 428 (1988).

Very truly yours,

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