



August 27, 2015

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 15-0254R – Implementing Law Enforcement Assisted
Diversion in Baltimore

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0254R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution expresses support for an expansion of the Law enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program nationwide and requests that law enforcement and other stakeholders appear before the City Council to discuss how the LEAD program could be implemented in Baltimore, what partnerships and structures need to be put in place to allow LEAD to succeed, and how to provide it with the necessary human and financial resources.

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, City Council Bill 15-0254R 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).

Sincerely,

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