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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 18-0260 - Charter Amendment - Commission Recommendations
for City Council and Mayor Articles

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has been asked to review City Council Bill 18-0260 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill amends the City Charter and eliminates existing council district lines as a criteria for City Council redistricting; clarifies the Mayor's powers as conservator of the peace; clarifies certain inherent responsibilities arising from the Mayor's executive duties; deletes redundant clause relating to the holding over of municipal officers; deletes a redundant clause relating to the prohibition on holding dual offices of profit; sets a special effective date; and submits this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection

The substance of the bill presents no legal impediments.

Under Article XI-A, Section 5 of the Maryland Constitution, a resolution of the Mayor and City Council, such as City Council Bill 18--260, is an appropriate method of initiating an amendment to the Baltimore City Charter. The Law Department, therefore, approves the resolution for form and legal sufficiency as drafted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor K. Tervala".

Victor K. Tervala
Chief Solicitor

cc: Andre M. Davis, City Solicitor
Karen Stokes, Director, Mayor's Office of Government Relations
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