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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 11-0755 – Urban Renewal – Brooklyn-Curtis Bay
Business Area - Amendment

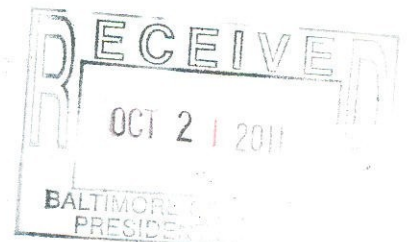
Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0755 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill amends the Urban Renewal Plan for the Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Business Area by modifying a Plan objective, amending and clarifying certain land uses and deleting a use category as well as deleting certain regulations, controls, and restrictions on land acquired by the City. The bill modifies certain standards for the development of new buildings in non-industrially zoned areas, deletes standards for mixed use development in the Plan as well as deletes certain obligations of a Developer. The bill amends certain Exhibits to reflect the Plan changes, modifies the Plan's duration, adds additional names of the community organizations to whom the Department must submit significant development proposals for review and comment, and changes the name of the Panel that the Department of Planning uses to review developers' projects. The bill conforms certain language, waives certain content and procedural requirements, makes the provisions of the Ordinance severable, and provides for the application of the Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances. The bill provides for a special effective date.

Section 2-6(g)(1) of Article 13 of the City Code requires that any change to an Urban Renewal Plan be made by ordinance. City Council Bill 11-0755 is an appropriate mechanism. The Law Department, however, recommends removing lines 2 and 41 on page 3 that prohibit rooming and boarding houses. Subject to this amendment, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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