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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: Mayor and City Council Resolution 24-0531 – Midtown Community
Benefits District and Management Authority – Renewal through June 30,
2028

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed Mayor and City Council Resolution 24-0531 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would renew and continue the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority. It was created by Ordinance 95-613 pursuant to authorization from the Maryland General Assembly that allowed the City to create community benefits districts. *See* 1994 Md. Laws ch. 732. In 1997, the General Assembly passed a law requiring that it reauthorize community benefits districts every four years, but in 2000 transferred the reauthorization function to the Mayor and City Council. *See* 1997 Md. Laws ch. 655; 2000 Md. Laws ch. 89; *see also* 2003 Md. Laws ch. 475. This reauthorization requirement has been codified in Section 7-16 of Article 14 of the City Code. *See also* City Charter, Art. II, §(63)(h). This bill is the required reauthorization pursuant to that section, which the Law Department approves for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hilary Ruley".

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Chief Solicitor

cc: Ebony Thompson, City Solicitor
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