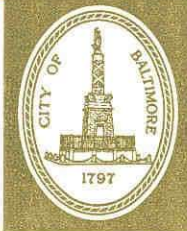


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October 5, 2012

The Honorable President and
Members of the Baltimore
City Council
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
409 City Hall
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: City Council Bill No. 12-0098– Urban Renewal – Inner Harbor
Project I – Amendment

Dear President and Members

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0098 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would amend the existing Urban Renewal Plan (hereinafter the “UR”) for Inner Harbor Project I to add a new land use category to the permitted land uses in the Plan and to revise certain exhibits to reflect the changes in the Plan, making the provisions of the ordinance severable, providing for the application of the ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances, and providing a special effective date.

Section 2-6(g) of Article 13 of the Baltimore City Code requires that substantial changes to any UR be approved by the Mayor and City Council. Section 2-6(h) provides that any councilmember may submit a bill proposing an amendment to an existing Renewal Plan. Art. 13, § 2-6(h)(2)(ii). The same section requires that any such amendment be sent to the Department of Housing and to the Planning Commission for recommendation and report. 2.6(h)(4). Planning has submitted its report but the Department of Housing and Community Development has not. As only one of the required departments has reviewed and provided recommendations based on consideration of the required standards as set forth in Section 2-6 (h), the Law Department can not approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Upon submission of the report of the Department of Housing and Community Development,

Comments



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the Law Department can approve City Council Bill 12-0098 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,



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