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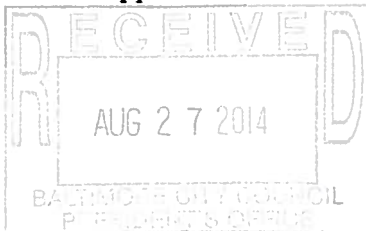
The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 14-0373 – Urban Renewal – York – Woodbourne
Business Area – Amendment

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0373 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would amend the Urban Renewal Plan for the York–Woodbourne Business Area to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area. The bill's effective date is the date of enactment.

An amendment to this bill is necessary in order to reauthorize the Plan's powers of acquisition and condemnation so that these actions may legally continue in compliance with Section 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Article 13, Sections 2-6(g)(1) and (2) of the City Code require that any change to an Urban Renewal Plan be made by ordinance and be adopted and approved in the same manner as that required for the adoption and approval of a new Renewal Plan. As this bill is the appropriate mechanism for making changes to the Plan and there are no legal impediments to those changes, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.



Very truly yours,

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