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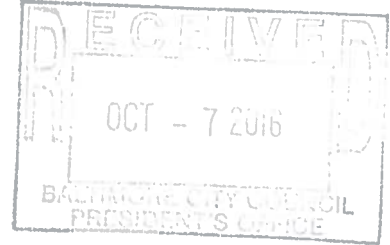
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The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 16-0731 – Market Center – Amendment

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0731 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Market Center by amending Exhibit 3 of the Plan to reflect the change in zoning, upon approval by separate ordinance, for the property known as 325 West Baltimore Street. The bill waives certain content and procedural requirements, makes the provisions of this Ordinance severable, and provides for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances. The bill's effective date is the date of enactment.

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. This bill is the appropriate mechanism for making changes to the Plan.

The Law Department notes, however, the lawfulness of the amendment is dependent on the adoption of Council Bill 16-0732. That bill rezones 325 West Baltimore Street from the B-4-1 Zoning District to the B-\$-2 Zoning District, a change which is to be reflected, pursuant to this bill, in Exhibit 3 of the Renewal Plan. Thus, the Law Department will be able to approve City Council Bill 16-0731 for form and legal sufficiency only if Council Bill 16-0732 is adopted and approved for form and legal sufficiency. For this reason, the Law Department recommends that if these two bills are to be approved by the Mayor and City Council, they should be approved and signed into law simultaneously.

Very truly yours,

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