

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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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 11-308R – Investigative Hearing – Maintenance of City
Owned Properties

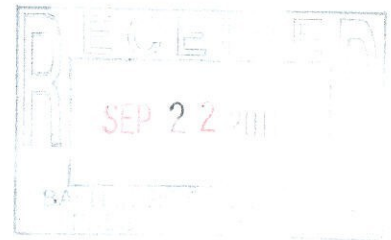
Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 11-308R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution requests a hearing to explore the City's maintenance of City owned vacant lots and other properties. A resolution of the City Council is typically used to express the opinions of the Council on matters of concern to the City or on policy matters that impact the City but are outside of the realm of the City Council's authority to act. McQuillin, Municipal Corporations, §§15.01 *et seq.* As such, City Council Bill 11-308R is the appropriate manner in which to express the City Council's desire to hold a hearing on this topic. The Law Department, therefore, approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,


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