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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 12-0085 – North Locust Point Development District –
Amending Ordinance 03-0642 as amended by Ordinance 11-553

Dear President and City Council Members:

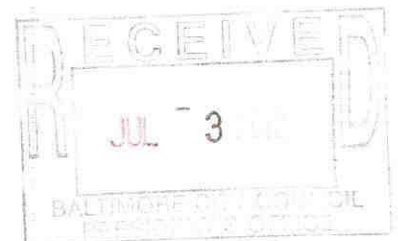
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0085 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill amends Ordinance 11-553 by expanding the North Locust Point Development District and amending the definition of “infrastructure” for which, in part, bond proceeds may be used. The bill is effective upon adoption and makes provisions of the ordinance severable. The legislation generally is authorized by Sections 62 (Tax Increment Act) of Article II of the Baltimore City Charter.

Under provisions of Section 62, bond proceeds may be used only for certain purposes. For proceeds used for infrastructure, these purposes include, among others, site removal; the installation of utilities; the construction of parks and playgrounds, and other necessary improvements including streets and roads to, from, or within the development district, lighting, and other facilities; the construction or rehabilitation of buildings, provided that such buildings are to be devoted to a governmental use or purpose; and structured and surface parking facilities that are publicly owned or privately owned but serve a public purpose. City Charter, Art. II, § 62(c). The amendments to the term “infrastructure” proposed by Council Bill 12-0085 agree with these purposes.

As there are no legal impediments to the passage of the bill, the Law Department approves Council Bill 12-0085 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

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