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

Re: City Council Bill 21-0069R – Investigative Hearing – Well-being of the
Transgender Community in Baltimore

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0069R for form and legal sufficiency. The resolution is for the purpose of inviting representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Health Department, the Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore City Public Schools, the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services, the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil Rights, the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, the Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health System Baltimore, and other relevant stakeholders to update the Council on services provided to and the general well-being of the transgender community in Baltimore City.

In general, a City Council resolution is "an expression of opinion or mind concerning some particular item of business coming within the legislative body's official cognizance." *Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium Assoc.*, 545 A.2d 1296, 1303 (Md. 1988) (quoting *McQuillin Mun. Corp.* § 15:2 (3rd Ed.)). Council Bill 21-0037R is an appropriate resolution to discuss the topics outlined in this bill.

Accordingly, the Law Department is prepared to approve Council Bill 21-0069R for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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