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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 18-0273 - Repeal of Ordinance 11-562 - 6709 Pulaski Highway Planned Unit Development

Dear Mr. President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0273 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill repeals Ordinance 11-562, which designated certain properties as an Industrial Planned Unit Development known as 6709 Pulaski Highway. The bill has an immediate effective date.

The Law Department notes that upon repeal of a PUD, the uses and structures in the affected area, in some instances, may be considered non-conforming uses. The legal disposition of non-conforming uses and structures are regulated by Title 18 of Article 32. The Article places restrictions on changes in the uses and structures designated as non-conforming. Parties therefore are encouraged to review the Article to determine the legal constraints on property development following the repeal of the PUD.

The Staff Report from the Planning Department ("Report"), however, indicates that the property is unimproved. Report at 1. Thus, the application of Title 18 is moot.

The Law Department is prepared to approve the bill as drafted.

Sincerely,

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