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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 17-0116 – Baltimore City Landmark List: Exteriors—
Metropolitan United Methodist Church

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-01116 for form and legal sufficiency. It would designate the Metropolitan United Methodist Church at 1119 and 1123 West Lanvale Street as an “historical landmark: exterior” by adding it to Section 17A-44 to Article 6 of the Baltimore City Code.

An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council is required to add a structure to the “Landmark List: Exteriors.” BCC Art. 6, §4-2(1). The City Council must refer the bill for written reports and recommendations to the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP), the Planning Commission, and any other agency that the Council President designates. BCC Art. 6, §4-5(a). Section 4-6 sets forth the public notice and hearing requirements. If a bill seeks to add a structure to the “Landmark List: Exteriors” and was not initiated by CHAP, the City Council may not take action to add the structure to that list without first referring the action to CHAP for a written report and recommendation. Art. 6, §4-8(b).

The Bill has been referred to CHAP and was on its agenda May 9, 2017. CHAP has reviewed the bill and approved the landmark designation and the notice and hearing requirements were satisfied. The Law Department, therefore, approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

Elena R. DiPietro

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