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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: REVISED City Council Bill 18-0309 - Sale of Property—732 West Lexington St.

President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0309 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell its interest in the property known as 732 West Lexington St. and declare it no longer needed for public use. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

Article II, Section 15(c) of the Baltimore City Charter grants the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development the power to arrange for the disposition of any land or property for development or redevelopment.

This bill is the appropriate means to exercise that authority. The Law Department, therefore, approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Elena R. DiPietro

Sincerely,

Elena R. DiPietro **Division Chief** 

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