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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  
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Re: City Council Bill 17-0124 – City Streets – Opening – Portion of a 4 Foot  
Alley Extending from West Eager Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0124 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and open a portion of a 4-foot alley, extending from West Eager Street southerly 75 feet, more or less, to the outline of the property known as 917 Cathedral Street, as shown on Plat 158-A-78 in the Office of the Department of Transportation; The bill also provides for a special effective date.

Art. II, Sections 2 and (34)(a) of the City Charter grant the Mayor and City Council the power to condemn and “construct, open, extend, widen, straighten or close streets, bridges, tunnels or approaches to them and other public ways of every kind within the bounds of the City.” Section 116(b)(2) of Article VII of the City Charter requires the Department of Transportation to prepare all ordinances for the opening and closing of streets. As this bill conforms to the applicable sections of the Charter, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

*Elena R. DiPietro*

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