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

Re: City Council Bill 18-0247 – Urban Renewal – Johnston Square –
Amendment

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0247 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill reauthorizes, for an additional four years, the currently existing condemnation authority for properties located in the Johnston Square Urban Renewal Area. Reauthorization is required to comply with Section 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Maryland Code, which was enacted in 2007. This law terminated any then existing state or local condemnation authority as of July 1, 2011 and required that it be reauthorized. *See* 2007 Laws of Md., ch. 305, §3. The first reauthorization was done via City Council Bill 11-0645. This bill is the next required reauthorization of the existing condemnation authority for the Johnston Square Urban Renewal Area. The bill also seeks to remove several properties from Appendices A and B to the Urban Renewal Plan and extend the life of the Plan for another four years.

Any changes in an Urban Renewal plan, such as these changes, must be made by ordinance. City Code, Art. 13, §2-6(g). Accordingly, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 18-0247 for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,


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