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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 19-0469 – Release of Easement – 10 South Howard Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0469 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to release an existing easement located at 10 South Howard Street, which it no longer needs.

Section 5b of Article V of the City Charter provides that the disposition of any interest in real property "shall be authorized by ordinance, shall be approved by the Board of Estimates with the approval entered in its minutes, and shall be made at public sale unless a private sale or other manner of disposition shall be expressly authorized by the Board of Estimates and entered in its minutes." City Charter, Art. V, §5(b).

If enacted, this ordinance would be the appropriate authorization for the release of the easement, so the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very traly yours,

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Chief Solicitor

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