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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 19-0393 - Supplemental Appropriation - Department of

Public Works — \$1,500,000

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0393 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,500,000 to the Department of Public Works. The funds come from income tax revenue in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2019. The appropriation would go to pay for the additional cost of recycling services. The bill is effective on the date it is enacted.

The City Charter establishes the criteria for making supplementary appropriations. City Charter, Art. VI, §8. Section 8(b)(3) of Article VI of the City Charter permits such a supplementary appropriation when there has been "a material change in circumstance or additional appropriations for new programs which could not reasonably be anticipated at the time of the formulation of the proposed Ordinance of Estimates" for Fiscal Year 2019. The supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and must be approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance, which must identify the source of the funds and may only encompass a "single program, purpose, activity or project." City Charter, Art. VI, §8(c). The Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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