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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, MD 21202

Re: City Council Bill 17-0159 - Sale of Property— 1001 North Smallwood Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0159 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell all interest in a certain property known as 1001 North Smallwood Street, declaring it no longer needed for public use. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

Article V, Section 5 (b) of the Baltimore City Charter grants the Department of Real Estate in the Comptroller's Office the power to arrange for the disposition of any building or parcel of land no longer needed by the City for public use, if that sale is approved by the Board of Estimates. Assuming the agency reports reveal that the property is no longer needed for public use, this is the appropriate ordinance to authorize disposition of the subject property. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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