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Honorable President and Members
of the City Council of Baltimore
c/o Natwana Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
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Re: City Council Bill 18-0110R- Investigative Hearing - Residency Requirements for City
Officials

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0110R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution is for the purpose of calling for a hearing to measure the compliance of City Officials with residency and voting registration requirements, and to determine how to move forward so that 100% compliance is reached.

In general, a City Council resolution is “an expression of opinion or mind concerning some particular item of business coming within the legislative body’s official cognizance.” *Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium Assoc.*, 545 A.2d 1296, 1303 (Md. 1988) (quoting *McQuillin Mun. Corp.* § 15:2 (3rd Ed.)). Council Bill 18-0110R is an appropriate resolution to express the Council’s concerns about this particular situation and request that appropriate officials to discuss implementation efforts.

The Law Department approves Council Bill 18-0110R for form and legal sufficiency as it is a valid method of conveying City Council’s desires regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Chief Solicitor

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