

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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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 18-0265 – Supplementary General Fund Operating  
Appropriation –Police Department– \$21,000,000

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0265 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$21,000,000 to the Baltimore City Police Department. The bill shall take effect on the date that it is enacted.

The City Charter establishes the criteria for making supplementary appropriations. City Charter, Art. VI, §8. Section 8(b) of Article VI of the City Charter permits such a supplementary appropriation to be made available to the appropriate municipal agency when funds become available from private or public sources that could not be expected with reasonable certainty at the time of the formulation of the proposed Ordinance of Estimates. 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 may only encompass a "single program, purpose, activity or project." See Sec. 8(c). The bill provides that the source of revenue is funds from the Transfer Tax (\$11,000,000) and from the Recordation Tax (\$10,000,000) 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 2018.

The Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

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Chief Solicitor

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