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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, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 15-0580 – Baltimore City Landmark List: Exteriors—American Legion Federal Post # 19

Dear President and City Council Members:

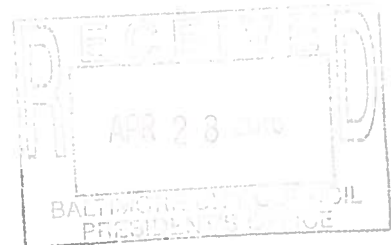
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0580 for form and legal sufficiency. It would designate the American Legion Federal Post # 19 at 1502 Madison Avenue, as an “historical landmark: exterior” by adding Section 17A-35 to Article 6 of the Baltimore City Code.

An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council is required to add a structure to the “Landmark List: Exteriors.” BCC Art. 6, §4-2(1). The City Council must refer the bill for written reports and recommendations to the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP), the Planning Commission, and any other agency that the Council President designates. BCC Art. 6, §4-5(a). Section 4-6 sets forth the public notice and hearing requirements. If a bill seeks to add a structure to the “Landmark List: Exteriors” and was not initiated by CHAP, the City Council may not take action to add the structure to that list without first referring the action to CHAP for a written report and recommendation. Art. 6, §4-8(b).

CHAP has reviewed this bill and has approved the landmark designation. The Planning Commission has also provided a favorable report. Assuming the notice and hearing requirements are satisfied, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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