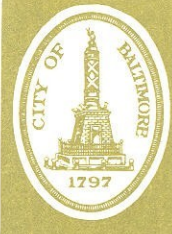


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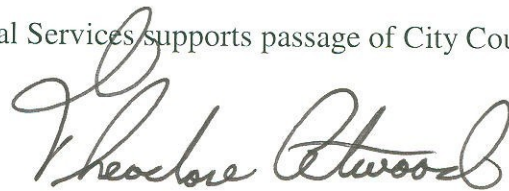
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 11-0702 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

The purpose of the Bill is to condemn and close the air rights over Orleans Street, 189.30 feet west of Wolfe Street, as shown on Plat 346-A-52C in the Office of the Department of General Services.

The Johns Hopkins University is constructing a 12-story Children's Hospital Tower on the north side of the 1800 block of Orleans Street. The facility will have neonatal and pediatric intensive care units, state-of-the-art surgical units, and other pediatric specialty units. On the south side of Orleans Street is an existing 4 story parking garage owned by the Hospital. Johns Hopkins wants to connect the new Children's Hospital Tower to the parking garage via an elevated pedestrian bridgeway.

City Council Bill 11-0702, if approved, would close the air rights over Orleans Street to accommodate the bridgeway. The bridgeway measures approximately 22 feet wide by 70 feet long and will be a minimum of 18 feet above the surface of the roadway. Companion legislation (City Council Bill 11-0703) would authorize the sale of these air rights.

Based on these findings, the Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 11-0702.



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