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February 14, 2011

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 11-0242R – Baltimore City Tax Lien Certificate Sales

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0642R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution requests that the Director of Finance and the Chief of the Bureau of Revenue Collections report to the City Council on the Tax Lien Certificate Sale Program and outline the foreclosure process, including an accounting of the money obtained. A resolution of the City Council is typically used to express the opinions of the Council on matters of concern to the City or on policy matters that effect the City but are outside of the realm of the City Council's authority to act. McQuillin, Municipal Corporations, Sections 15.01 *et seq.* As such, City Council Bill 11-0642R is the appropriate manner in which to express the City Council's desire to seek an increased understanding of the City's sale of tax lien certificates. The Law Department, therefore, approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Assistant Solicitor

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