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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

> City Council Bill 11-0002 (Resolution) Downtown Management District Re: and Downtown Management Authority

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0002 for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution is for the purpose of renewing and continuing the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority, subject to certain conditions, for an additional 5 years.

By virtue of the power vested in the Mayor and City Council by Article II, Section 61 of the Charter of Baltimore City, The Downtown Management District was created by ordinance of the Mayor and City Council. Article 14, Sections 1-19 and 1-20 of the Baltimore City Code govern the renewal of the District and its operations. The City Council has followed the procedures set forth in Section 1-20 for the renewal of the District and the Authority and by this resolution sets forth its findings and refers the matter to the Board of Estimates to perform its duties with regard to the renewal of the District and Authority as required by Section 1-19.

The Law Department, therefore, approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours.

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