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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 23-0374 – Sale of Property – 707 East 34th Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 23-0374 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property known as 707 East 34th Street (Block 4053; Lot 076), which was previously utilized as an elementary school. The property is no longer needed for public use. The bill provides for a special effective date.

Article V, Section 5(b) of the Baltimore City Charter grants the Department of Real Estate in the Comptroller's Office the power to arrange for the disposition of any building or parcel of land no longer needed by the City for public use, if that sale is authorized by ordinance and approved by the Board of Estimates. Assuming the agency reports reveal that the property is no longer needed for public use, this is the appropriate ordinance to authorize disposition of the subject property. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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