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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

> City Council Bill 15-0563 – Sale of Property – a Portion of the Former Re:

Bed of Cardiff Avenue

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0563 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to sell all, or a portion of, its interest in the former bed of Cardiff Avenue, declaring it no longer needed for public use.

Section 5(b) of Article V of the City Charter grants the Department of Real Estate in the Comptroller's Office the power to sell property that the Mayor and City Council deems by ordinance no longer needed for public use, if that sale is approved by the Board of Estimates. This is the appropriate ordinance. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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