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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 21-0081R – Informational Hearing – CODEMAP and  
Decision Making

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0081R for form and legal sufficiency. The bill is for the purpose of inviting the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development to explain to the City Council how the CODEMAP application and the data sets the application uses assists public and private decision making and strategic planning in 6 the City and helps move the City forward.

The City Council has an inherent power to investigate “in furtherance of its legislative function.” 4 McQuillin Mun. Corp. § 13:7. A resolution is an appropriate way for the City Council of Baltimore to conduct an informational hearing. *See, e.g., Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium*, 313 Md. 413, 428 (1988).

Therefore, the Law Department approves this resolution for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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