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


Re: City Council Bill 19-0169R – Investigative Hearing – the Minority and Women’s
Business Opportunity Office

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0169R for form and legal sufficiency. The resolution is for the purpose of inviting the Chief of the Minority and Women’s Business Opportunity Office to report to the City Council on the effectiveness of meeting Minority Business Enterprises and Women’s Business Enterprises participation goals.

In general, a City Council resolution is “an expression of opinion or mind concerning some particular item of business coming within the legislative body’s official cognizance.” *Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium Assoc.*, 545 A.2d 1296, 1303 (Md. 1988) (quoting *McQuillin Mun. Corp.* § 15:2 (3rd Ed.)). Council Bill 19-0169R is an appropriate resolution to express the Council’s concerns about this particular situation and request that appropriate officials to discuss methods to include more MWBE’s on exclusive vendor lists at the facilities in question.

Accordingly, the Law Department approves Council Bill 19-0169R for form and legal sufficiency as it is a valid method of conveying City Council’s desires regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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