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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 10-0443- Urban Renewal - Penn North - Amendment Re:

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0449 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would amend the existing Urban Renewal Plan (hereinafter the "UR") for Penn North to permit displays of merchandise outside between the hours of 7am and 7pm. Section 2-6(g) of Article 13 of the Baltimore City Code requires that substantial changes to any UR be approved by the Mayor and City Council. Section 6-205(d)(2)(iii) of the Zoning Code requires the UR to expressly authorize merchandise to be in an unenclosed display. As the bill and the amendments proposed to it by the Department of Planning are in accordance with the code, the Law Department approves the bill and Planning's amendments thereto for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Solicitor

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