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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 14-0405 – Sale of Property – 700 North Eutaw Street Re:

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0405 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to sell all of its interest in 700 North Eutaw Street, 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. If enacted, this bill will be the appropriate ordinance. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Solicitor

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