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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
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Re: City Council Bill 17-0126 - Sale of Property — Portion of the Former Bed of
a 4-Foot Alley Extending from West Eager Street

President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0126 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the Mayor and City Council to sell at public or private sale, all the interest of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore in the property known as a portion of the former bed of a 4-foot alley extending from W. Eager St. declaring it no longer needed for public use. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

Article V, Section 15(b) of the Baltimore City Charter grants the Department of Real Estate the power to arrange for the disposition of any building or parcel of land no longer needed by the City for public use, if that sale is approved by the Board of Estimates. Assuming the agency reports reveal that the property is no longer needed for public use, this is the appropriate ordinance to authorize disposition of the subject property. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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Division Chief

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