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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

Re: City Council Bill 11-0718 – Urban Renewal – Middle East - Amendment

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0718 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East (hereinafter the "Plan") to add a new land use category and, upon approval of a separate ordinance (embodied in Council Bill 11-0719), to reflect a change in zoning for 303 – 435 North Washington Street. The bill also waives certain procedural requirements, makes its provisions severable, and provides for its application in relationship to certain other ordinances. The bill provides an immediate effective date.

Section 2-6(g)(1) of Article 13 of the City Code requires that any change to an Urban Renewal Plan be made by ordinance. As this is the appropriate mechanism for making changes to the Plan and there are no legal impediments to those changes, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 11-0718 for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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