

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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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

Re: City Council Bill 15-0568 – Public Ethics Law – Administrative
Modifications

Dear President and City Council Members:

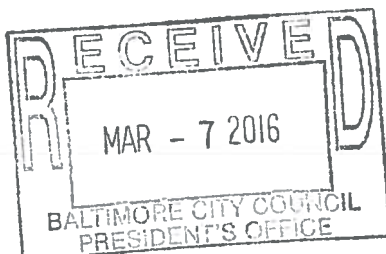
The Law Department has reviewed Mayor and City Council Bill 15-0568 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill is for the purpose of amending the Public Ethics Law to conform with changes to the State Ethics Law and to modify and clarify certain sections of the City Ethics Code.

In general, the Maryland Public Ethics Law, Art. 5, Subtitle 8, Part II of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Code, requires that the City have an Ethics Code that is similar to the provisions of State Ethics Law but allows for modifications to the extent necessary to make the provisions relevant to the prevention of conflicts of interest in that jurisdiction.

City Council Bill 15-0568 complies with the directive in State law with respect to content of local public ethics laws. The Law Department therefore approves City Council Bill 15-0568 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

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Chief Solicitor



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