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March 13, 2019

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 19-0141R– Creation of Pennsylvania Avenue Black Arts  
and Entertainment District

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0141R for form and legal sufficiency. The resolution is for the purpose of designating the Pennsylvania Avenue Corridor and surrounding communities within defined boundaries as the Pennsylvania Avenue Black Arts and Entertainment District.

MD. Ann. Code , State Econ. Dev. Art. provides for the creation of arts and entertainment districts. A political subdivision of the State can apply to designate an area as an arts and entertainment district. §4-703. COMAR 24.05.26.04 requires that an application “shall include a written expression of sentiment of the local elected governing body or bodies regarding the filing of an application for designation. The expression of sentiment may be in the form of a letter or a resolution at the discretion of the local jurisdiction.” Resolution 19-0141R satisfies this requirement.

Accordingly, the Law Department approves for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Elena R. DiPietro'.

Elena R. DiPietro  
Chief Solicitor

cc: Andre Davis, City Solicitor  
Jeff Amoros, Mayor’s Legislative Liaison  
Michael Huber, President’s Legislative Director  
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