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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 26-0199 – Charter Amendment – Repeal – Term Limits

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 26-0199 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill—entitled a resolution—would repeal the current term limits for City Council members, the City Council President, the Mayor, and the Comptroller.

There is one mistake in the resolution that should be amended: in line 22 of page 2, strike “Article III. City Council” and substitute “Article IV. Mayor”.

Under Section 5 of Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution, a resolution of the Mayor and City Council, such as this one, is an appropriate method of initiating an amendment to the Baltimore City Charter. If enacted, the resolution would be placed on the ballot at the City’s next general election and, if approved by the voters, the amendment would be adopted and become part of the Charter 30 days after the election. Md. Constit., Art. XI-A, § 5.

Assuming the bill is amended as described above, the Law Department can approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Hochstetler".

Jeffrey Hochstetler
Chief Solicitor

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