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November 22, 2017

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

Re: City Council Bill 17-0145 – City Streets – Opening – 8-Foot Alley Extending from  
the East Side of North Schroeder Street

Dear Mr. President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0145 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and open an 8-foot alley, extending easterly 76.5 feet, more or less, from the east side of North Schroeder Street to the east side of a 4-foot alley. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

Section (34)(a) of Article II of the City Charter grants the Mayor and City Council the power to “construct, open, extend, widen, straighten or close streets, bridges, tunnels or approaches to them and other public ways of every kind within the bounds of the City.” Section 116(b)(2) of Article VII of the City Charter requires the Department of Transportation to prepare all ordinances for the opening and closing of streets. As this bill conforms to the applicable sections of the Charter, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Victor K. Tervalo".

Victor K. Tervalo  
Chief Solicitor

cc: Andre M. Davis, City Solicitor  
Karen Stokes, Director, Mayor’s Office of Government Relations  
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