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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 14-0447 – Baltimore City Landmark List: Public Interiors –
City Hall Rotunda

Dear President and City Council Members:

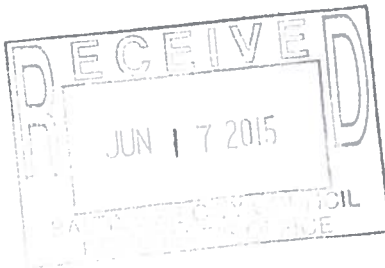
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0447 for form and legal sufficiency. It would designate “City Hall Rotunda, 100 North Holliday Street,” as a “historical landmark: public interior.”

The Baltimore City Code (“BCC”) states that a landmark list is comprised of either or both the exterior or interior of a “structure,” which is defined as “any creation of man or nature.” BCC, Art. 6, §1-1(j). BCC Article 6, Section 3-2 provides that landmarks may not be approved by the City Council “until the City Council has given notice that the proposal is pending and has held a hearing on it.” For this purpose, “the Commission [for Historical and Architectural Preservation] shall comply with the notice and hearing requirements of Zoning Code Title 16 {“Legislative Authorizations and Amendments”} for proposed changes in zoning classifications.” BCC, Art. 6, §3-2. This requires an introductory statement of intent, posting, publication, and a hearing. See Zoning Code of Baltimore City, §§16-101(c)(1), (d)(1); 16-202(b); 16-203; 16-402.

Assuming that the requisite notice, posting, and publication were completed, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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