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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 19-0413- Planned Unit Development – Amendment 2 – Whitehall
Cotton Mill

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0413 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill amends the Development Plan of the Whitehall Cotton Mill Planned Unit Development in several ways. First, it changes the approval process for outdoor table service from requiring approval of the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals to being permitted by right. Second, it includes banquet halls among the uses allowed within the PUD. Third, the bill amends the number and types of liquor licenses allowed within the PUD. It also provides for a special effective date.

The Law Department does not see any legal obstacles to the adoption of the bill as drafted. We note, however, that the Planning Commission seeks to amend the bill. Those amendments would do the following: (1) Allow only a single banquet hall in the PUD, which would be subject to certain specified operating condition, including those involving valet parking; (2) alter the types of liquor licenses allowed in the PUD; and (3) have the applicable off-street parking requirements involving the operation of the banquet hall be subject to the conditions contained Amendment (1) above, rather than those generally applicable within the PUD.

The Law Department has reviewed these proposals and sees no legal obstacles to their adoption. It therefore is prepared to approve Council Bill 19-0413 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victor K. Tervala'.

Victor K. Tervala
Chief Solicitor

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