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February 2, 2022

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 Resolution 22-0190 – Repeal of Ordinances 08-94, 08-95, and 08-96 – Westport Waterfront Development District, Westport Special Taxing District, and State Obligations Pledge

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0190 for form and legal sufficiency. It would repeal Ordinances 08-94 (Westport Waterfront Development District), 08-95 (Westport Waterfront Special Taxing District), and 08-96 (State Obligations Pledge for Westport Waterfront Development). The Mayor and City Council has authority to repeal previously enacted bills. *Connecticut Mut. Life Ins. Co. v. Spratley*, 172 U.S. 602, 621 (1899) (“each subsequent legislature has equal power to legislate upon the same subject. The legislature has power at any time to repeal or modify the act granting such permission”). It appears there were never any bonds issued.

The Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Ruley'.

Hilary Ruley  
Chief Solicitor

cc: James L. Shea, City Solicitor  
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