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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 Resolution 21-0094R – Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a Class A-7 License for Use at 1807-1811 Baker Street, 21217

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Resolution 21-0094R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution would provide the required approval under Section 12-902.1(d)(1) of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Maryland Code to allow a holder of a valid Class B-D-7 beer, wine and liquor license to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City ("Liquor Board") to exchange that license for a Class A-7 beer, wine and liquor license for use at 604 Poplar Grove 1807-1811 Baker Street. That section of state law applies to any holder whose Class B-D-7 license was valid as of July 1, 2018 provided that they are not in the 43<sup>rd</sup> state legislative district. Once the holder receives approval by City Council Resolution, it can then demonstrate to the Liquor Board that it meets the criteria for the license exchange. Since this property does not appear to be in the 43<sup>rd</sup> legislative district, the Law Department can approve the resolution for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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cc: James L. Shea, City Solicitor Matthew Stegman, Mayor's Office of Government Relations Elena DiPietro, Chief Solicitor, General Counsel Division Ashlea Brown, Chief Solicitor Victor Tervala, Chief Solicitor