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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 22-0277 – Baltimore City Landmark List: Exteriors –  
Reed Calloway House

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0277 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill designates the exterior of the Reed Calloway House located at 1316 North Carey Street, as a historical landmark.

An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council is required to add a structure to the “Landmark List: Exteriors.” Baltimore City Code, Art. 6, § 4-2(1). The City Council must refer the bill for written reports and recommendations to the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP), the Planning Commission, and any other agency that the Council President designates. Baltimore City Code, Art. 6, § 4-5(a). Section 4-6 of Article 6 of the City Code sets forth the public notice and hearing requirements.

The City Council may not take action to add the structure to the “Landmark List: Exteriors” without first referring the action to CHAP for a written report and recommendation. Baltimore City Code. Art. 6, § 4-8(b). CHAP then has 100 days from the referral date to submit its report and recommendation. Art. 6, § 4-8(c).

Assuming reports are submitted by CHAP and the Planning Commission, and the notice and hearing requirements are satisfied, the Law Department can approve this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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