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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 22-0268 - Sale of Property -800 Poplar Grove Street

President and City Council Members:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 2-0268 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill allows the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell its interest in the property located at 800 Poplar Grove Street and declares the property is no longer needed for public use. The bill provides for a special effective date.

Article V, Section 5(b) of the Baltimore City Charter grants the Department of Real Estate in the Comptroller's Office the power to arrange for the disposition of any building, parcel of land, or other real property that is no longer needed by the City for public use. The sale must be authorized by ordinance and approved by the Board of Estimates.

The property at 800 Poplar Grove Street is the former Baltimore City public school, Alexander Hamilton Elementary School. The school was closed and designated as surplus property in 2020. If the agency reports confirm that the property is no longer needed for public use, this bill is the appropriate ordinance to authorize disposition of the property.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Toth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Michele Toth  
Special Solicitor

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