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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 23-0161R— Informational Hearing-Anti-Littering
Campaign in Baltimore City

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 23-0161R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution is for the purpose of inviting the Director of the Office of Sustainability, the Director of Public Works and the Zero Waste Manager of the Department of Public Works to engage in a discussion with the City Council regarding the littering and dumping problem in Baltimore City and to discuss exploring the creation of an anti-littering campaign and/or efforts to encourage Baltimore's residents and visitors to be more mindful of how they dispose of their waste.

In general, Art. III, §9 of the City Charter and Art. 1, §1-3 of the City Code, gives the City Council authority to call before it, department heads and other City officials, to inquire about matters relating to their respective departments, offices, commissions, or boards. As such, City Council Bill 23-0161R is an appropriate resolution to discuss with experienced officials the options available to address the littering and dumping problem in Baltimore City.

A resolution is an appropriate way for the City Council of Baltimore to express its views on a particular matter. *See, e.g., Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium*, 313 Md. 413, 428 (1988). Therefore, the Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency as it is a valid method of inviting the appropriate City officials to discuss matters related to the City's littering and dumping problems.

Sincerely yours,
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa E. Cummings".

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