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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 23-0384 – Sale of Property – 14-18 Light Street (also known as 7 East Redwood Street)

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 23-0384 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property known as 14-18 Light Street (also known as 7 East Redwood Street) (Block 0660; Lots 0001 and 003A). The property is a 20-story building that 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 or parcel of land no longer needed by the City for public use, if that sale is authorized by ordinance and approved by the Board of Estimates. Assuming the agency reports reveal that the property is no longer needed for public use, this is the appropriate ordinance to authorize disposition of the subject property. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,  
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