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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 23-0440 – Sale of Property – Market Center Renewal Plan

Area – 32 Properties

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 23-0440 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain properties that are located within the area formerly known as the Market Center Renewal Plan Area and are no longer needed for public use. The bill would take effect when enacted.

Article V, § 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 the City no longer needs for public use, if that sale is authorized by ordinance and approved by the Board of Estimates. If the agency reports reveal that the properties are no longer needed for public use, this is the appropriate ordinance to authorize disposition of the subject properties. The Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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