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The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary Room 409, City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

> City Council Bill 10-0575 - Walters Art Gallery - Disposition of Art Re:

Objects

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0565 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would authorize the Walters Art Gallery ("Walters") to deaccession three pieces from its collections that are no longer needed. An ordinance is required for the Walters to dispose of objects from its collection pursuant to Section 14-11 of Article 18 of the City Code. See also 1933 Laws of Md. ch 217 (General Assembly requires Council approval on disposition of Walters objects).

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

Very truly yours.

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Assistant Solicitor

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