## CITY OF BALTIMORE

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## DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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February 1, 2013

Honorable President and Members of the City Council of Baltimore Room 409, City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

Re: City Council Bill No. 13-0185 - City Property - Naming the New Greyhound Bus Station at 2110 Haines Street to be the Elijah E. Cummings Greyhound Bus Terminal

Dear President and City Council Members:

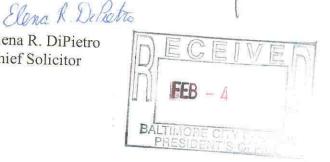
You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 13-0185. City Council Bill 185 provides for the naming of the new Greyhound Bus Station at 2110 Haines Street after Congressman Elijah E. Cumming

Article 5, Subtitle 20 governs naming of City owned property. Basically, it requires that property owned by the City can be named by the passage of an ordinance. The property that will be the site of the new bus station is owned by the City and the new bus station will also be owned by the City and leased to Greyhound. In addition, the Board of Estimates approved the purchase of the land on July 24, 2012. Provided that settlement has occurred, the City owns the property. Under the terms of the lease to Greyhound, the City will be constructing the new bus station which will also be leased to Greyhound. Since the new bus station will be City owned property and the station building will be City owned as well, an ordinance is necessary to name it after Congressman Cummings. This will facilitate incorporating appropriate signage into the building

Accordingly, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 13-0185 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours.

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