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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 13-0196 - Sale of Property - 501 Orkney Road Re:

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0196 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to sell all its interest in 501 Orkney Road, declaring it no longer needed for public use.

Section 5(b) of Article V of the City Charter grants the Department of Real Estate in the Comptroller's Office the power to sell property that the Mayor and City Council deems by ordinance to no longer needed for public use, if that sale is approved by the Board of Estimates. The bill provides the appropriate ordinance. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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