## CITY OF BALTIMORE

STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE, Mayor



## DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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October 9, 2014

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

Re: City Council Bill 14-0423 -- Sale of Property — 720 Pennsylvania Avenue

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0423 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the Commissioner of Housing and Community Development to sell 720 Pennsylvania Avenue. The bill also provides for an immediate effective date.

Article II, Section 15(c) of the City Charter grants the City the power to sell property for development or redevelopment. The powers granted under this section have been vested, as allowed by subsection (g), in the Department of Housing and Community Development, pursuant to Section 2-7 of Article 13 of the City Code.

Based on the foregoing, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 14-0423 for form and legal sufficiency.

Elena R. DiPietro

Sincerely,

Elena R. DiPietro Chief Solicitor

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