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

> City Council Bill 14-0450 - City Streets - Closing - A Portion of Creek Re:

Alley

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0450 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and close a portion of Creek Alley that it no longer needs. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

Section 34 of Article II of the City Charter grants the Mayor and City Council the power to "construct, open, extend, widen, straighten or close streets, bridges, tunnels or approaches to them and other public ways of every kind within the bounds of the City." Section 116(b)(2) of Article VII of the City Charter requires the Department of General Services to prepare all ordinances for the opening and closing of streets.

As this bill meets with the applicable sections of the Charter, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

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