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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

> Re: City Council Bill 15-0249R – Informational Hearing – Providing Cultural

Competence Training to Homeless Services Providers to Assist Them in

Serving Homeless LGBTQ Youths

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0249R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution invites homeless services providers and advocates for LGBTQ youths to appear before the City Council to discuss how cultural competence training on the needs of these youths can be broadly provided to service agencies to assist them in helping Baltimore's vulnerable population of homeless LGBTQ young people.

Since a resolution of the City Council is typically used to address matters of concern to the City or policy matters that impact the City, City Council Bill 15-0249R is the appropriate manner in which to discuss this topic. McQuillin, Municipal Corporations, §§15.01 et seq.; see also Inlet Assocs, v. Assateague House Condominium, 313 Md. 413, 428 (1988).

Sincerely,

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