

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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July 22, 2016

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 16-0701 –General Fund Operating Appropriation
Transfer –Transfer in the Aggregate Amount of \$3,700,000 from Various
Agency Services to the Department of Housing and Community
Development and M-R: Educational Grants

Dear President and City Council Members:

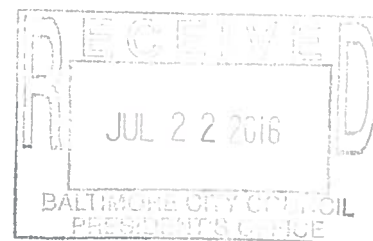
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0701 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer in the amount of \$3,700,000 from various agency services to the Department of Housing and Community Development and to M-R: Educational Grants. The source of the funds is detailed in the bill. The bill has an immediate effective date.

The City Charter establishes the process for transferring an appropriation in the Ordinance of Estimates from one program to another. City Charter, Art. VI, §9. The City Charter permits transfers from one agency to another, as is proposed by Council Bill 16-0701, when a transfer is recommended by the Board of Estimates and approved by ordinance of the Mayor and City Council. City Charter, Art. VI, §9(a)(2). Certain bill reports would be required if the transferred funds are for a capital expenditure, but there are no capital expenditures contemplated in these transfers. *Id.*

In conformance with the City Charter, the bill states that the Board of Estimates approved the transfers on July 13, 2016. Since this bill is the appropriate mechanism to effectuate the transfers, the Law Department approves the bill as drafted for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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