CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

101 City Hall Baltimore, Maryland 21202

February 9, 2017

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

Re: City Council Bill 16-0001 – Sale of Property – 823 – 825 North Mount

Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0001 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to sell its interest in property located at 823-825 North Mount Street (Block 0086, Lot 48E), 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 no longer needed for public use, if that sale is approved by the Board of Estimates. This is the appropriate ordinance. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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