CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

101 City Hall Baltimore, Maryland 21202

March 24, 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 17-0036 - Sale of Property - Former Bed of West Trenton Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0036 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to sell its interest in property known as the former bed of West Trenton Street, 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. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours.

Hilary Ruley **Chief Solicitor**

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