CITY OF BALTIMORE

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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 17-0083 –Zoning – Use Regulations – Gas Stations

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0083 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill requires conditional use approval for gas stations in the C-2 and C-3 zoning districts be approved by ordinance.

City Code Article 32, Table 10-301 currently requires that gas stations in the C-2 and C-3 zoning districts receive conditional use approval from the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals. City Council Bill 17-0083 would provide that conditional use approval be approved by ordinance of the Mayor and City Council.

There are no legal impediments to the passage of this bill. The Law Department therefore is prepared to approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency as drafted.

Sincerely,

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