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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 17-0140 – Sale of Property – Former Beds of North Arch

Street, Vine Street, and Rieman Court

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0140 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to sell its interest in the former beds of North Arch Street, Vine Street and Reiman Court, declaring them no longer needed for public use. The sale will be subject to a full width perpetual easement for utilities and services.

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 any interest in 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,

Chief Solicitor

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