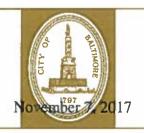
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The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary Room 409, City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

> Re: City Council Bill 17-0057 - City Streets - Closing - Beds of 2 10-Foot

Alleys Bounded by East 20th Street, North Chester Street, East North

Avenue, and North Castle Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0057 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and close the beds of 2 10-foot alleys bounded by East 20th Street, North Chester Street, East North Avenue, and North Castle Street, as shown on Plat 161-A-63A in the Office of the Department of Transportation. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

Section (34)(a) of Article II of the City Charter grants the Mayor and City Council the power to "construct, open, extend, widen, straighten or close streets, bridges, tunnels or approaches to them and other public ways of every kind within the bounds of the City." Section 116(b)(2) of Article VII of the City Charter requires the Department of Transportation to prepare all ordinances for the opening and closing of streets. As this bill conforms to the applicable sections of the Charter, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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