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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
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> Re: City Council Bill 17-0038 – City Streets – Closing – Eager St. and a 10 Foot Alley

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0038 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and close Eager Street, extending from Patterson Park Avenue Westerly 90.0 feet, more or less, and (2) a 10-foot alley laid out in the rear of the properties known as 900 through 942 North Patterson Park Avenue, and lying within the Middle East Urban Renewal Project, as shown on Plat 348-A-89E in the Office of the Department of Transportation; The bill also provides for a special effective date.

Art. II, Sections 2 and (34)(a) of the City Charter grant the Mayor and City Council the power to condemn and "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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