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The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
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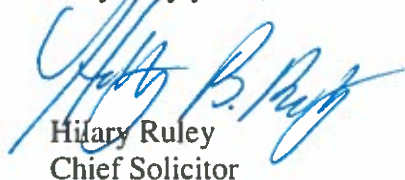
Re: City Council Bill 17-0171 – Five and Dime Historic District

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0171 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill designates the area located within certain boundaries as the Five and Dime Historic District.

City Code, Article 6, Subtitle 3 establishes the procedures for designating an historic district. Sections 3-1 thru 3-3 require the ordinance designating an historic district to be supported by certain findings of facts and the Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation (“CHAP”) is directed to engage in certain studies supportive of the designation. Section 3-5 requires CHAP, the Planning Commission and other agencies designated by the City Council President to report on the proposed legislation within 100 days of referral. Section 3-6 requires the City Council to provide a public hearing on the bill and directs the manner in which notice of the hearing is to be provided. Section 3-7 allows the City Council to adopt, reject or modify the ordinance, but Section 3-9 directs the City Council to obtain the approval of CHAP if the City Council proposes to amend the district boundary lines. Assuming the above procedural requirements are met, the Law Department can approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,



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