

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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May 11, 2018

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

Re: City Council Bill 18-0214 – Bond Issue – Recreation and Parks and Public  
Facilities Loan - \$65,000,000.

Dear Madame President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0214 (Bond Issue – Recreation, Parks and Public Facilities Loan - \$65,000,000) for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would authorize the Mayor and City Council to create a debt not exceeding \$65,000,000 (the “Debt”) for purposes of for the development of the buildings and facilities owned or controlled by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and the development of public park and recreational land, property, buildings, structures or facilities including but not limited to, the acquisition of land or property, or any rights therein and constructing and erecting on said land or property, or on any land or property, new buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities; and for the renovation, construction, improvement and repair of existing buildings, structures or facilities, to be or now being used for or in connection with the operations, functions and activities of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the Enoch Pratt Free Library, at public parks and recreation and related property, buildings, structures or facilities; the demolition, removal, relocation, renovation or alteration of land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements, and for the construction, reconstruction, installation, relocation or repair of buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, including information technology infrastructure, and other structures or improvements; for the acquisition of trees or for tree planting programs; and for the acquisition and installation of equipment and fixtures for any and all facilities authorized by the provisions hereof.

The intent of the bill is to ensure that the Debt is created as a general obligation of the City, pursuant to Section 7 of Article XI of the Constitution of Maryland. The bill also contains provisions concerning the use of the funds, the issuance of the bonds, and other matters. After

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approval by the Mayor and City Council, the ordinance will be presented to the voters for approval on November 6, 2018.

The Law Department approves Council Bill 18-0214 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely, *ecm.*  
*Elena R. DiPietro*  
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