

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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March 1, 2019

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 19-0336 – Public Ethics Law – Conforming  
Modifications

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed Mayor and City Council Bill 19-0336 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill is for the purpose of amending the Public Ethics Law to conform with changes to the State Ethics Law and to modify and clarify certain sections of the City Ethics Code.

In general, the Maryland Public Ethics Law, Art. 5, Subtitle 8, Part II of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Code, requires that the City have an Ethics Code that is similar to the provisions of State Ethics Law but allows for modifications to the extent necessary to make the provisions relevant to the prevention of conflicts of interest in that jurisdiction.

City Council Bill 15-0336 complies with the directive in State law with respect to content of local public ethics laws. The Law Department therefore approves City Council Bill 19-0336 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elena R. DiPietro".

Elena R. DiPietro  
Chief Solicitor

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