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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 19-0394 – Supplemental Appropriation – Baltimore City
Police Department – \$5,000,000

Dear President and City Council Members:

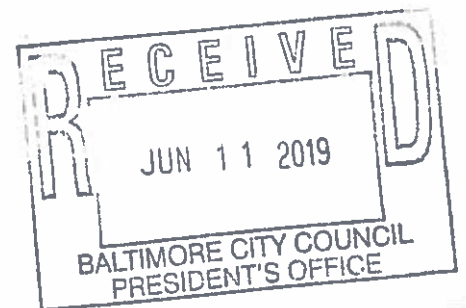
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0394 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$5,000,000 to the Baltimore City Police Department. Three million dollars of the funds come from Speed Camera Revenue and the rest come from Red Light Camera Revenue. The appropriation would go to pay for the additional cost of police patrols and operating expenses. The bill is effective on the date it is enacted.

The City Charter establishes the criteria for making supplementary appropriations. City Charter, Art. VI, §8. Section 8(b)(3) of Article VI of the City Charter permits such a supplementary appropriation when there has been "a material change in circumstance or additional appropriations for new programs which could not reasonably be anticipated at the time of the formulation of the proposed Ordinance of Estimates" for Fiscal Year 2019. The supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and must be approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance, which must identify the source of the funds and may only encompass a "single program, purpose, activity or project." City Charter, Art. VI, §8(c). The Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Solicitor

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