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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 19-0459 – City Property – Naming the Courthouse East Building to be the Elijah E. Cummings Courthouse

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0459 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would rename the Courthouse East Building at 111 North Calvert Street to be the Elijah E. Cummings Courthouse.

The Baltimore City Code allows for the naming of property by ordinance. City Code, Art. 5, §20-2. The bill that proposes the ordinance must be referred to the Planning Commission, the municipal agency that will have control over the City property, the Department of Real Estate and any other agency that has an interest in the property.

The First Reader version of the bill states that it was referred to the City Solicitor, Planning Commission, and the Departments of Real Estate, General Services and Transportation. It is the Law Department's understanding that the Department of General Services has control over the property. Thus, the Law Department can approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Ruley", is written over the typed name.

Hilary Ruley
Chief Solicitor

cc: Andre M. Davis, City Solicitor
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