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January 21, 2020

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

Re: City Council Bill 19-0165R- B'More Clean: Coordinated Agency Community Clean-Up  
and Maintenance Strategy

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0165R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution is for the purpose of requesting that the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Director 4 of the Department of Transportation, the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and 5 Community Development, the Commissioner of the Health Department, and the Director of 6 the Mayor's Office of Performance and Innovation present to the City Council a plan for 7 coordinated community clean-up and maintenance throughout Baltimore and a plan for 8 increased community involvement.

In general, a City Council resolution is "an expression of opinion or mind concerning some particular item of business coming within the legislative body's official cognizance." *Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium Assoc.*, 545 A.2d 1296, 1303 (Md. 1988) (quoting *McQuillin Mun. Corp.* § 15:2 (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.)). Council Bill 19-0165R is an appropriate resolution to express the Council's concerns about this particular situation and to request that appropriate officials appear to discuss implementation efforts.

The Law Department approves Council Bill 19-0165R for form and legal sufficiency as it is a valid method of conveying City Council's thoughts and ideas regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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