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

Re: City Council Bill 20-0489 – Charter Amendment – Board of Estimates -
Composition

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0489 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill reconstitutes the Board of Estimates to comprise the Mayor, Comptroller, and City Council President. The bill corrects, conforms, and clarifies related provisions and submits the amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

The substance of the bill presents no legal impediments.

Under Article XI-A, Section 5 of the Maryland Constitution, a resolution of the Mayor and City Council, such as this City Council Bill, is an appropriate method of initiating an amendment to the Baltimore City Charter. The Law Department, therefore, approves the resolution for form and legal sufficiency as drafted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victor K. Tervala', written over a horizontal line.

Victor K. Tervala
Chief Solicitor

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