April 2, 2020

The Honorable President and Members

of the Baltimore City Council

Attn: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

Room 409, City Hall

100 N. Holliday Street

Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 20-0484– Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority – Renewal Through June 30, 2024

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0484 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would renew and continue the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority for another four years.

The District was created by Ordinance 95-0613 pursuant to authorization from the Maryland General Assembly that allowed the City to create community benefits districts. *See* 1994 Md. Laws ch. 732, codified in City Charter, Art. II, §63. In 1997, the General Assembly passed a law requiring that it reauthorize community benefits districts every four years, but in 2000 transferred the reauthorization function to the Mayor and City Council. *See* 1997 Md. Laws ch. 655; 2000 Md. Laws ch. 89, codified in City Charter, Art. II, §§63(g); (h)(1)(iii). The reauthorization requirement specific to the Midtown Benefits Management District and Management Authority has been codified in Section 7-16 of Article 14 of the City Code.

This bill is the required reauthorization pursuant to that section, which the Law Department approves for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

Elena R. DiPietro

Chief Solicitor

cc: Dana P. Moore, Acting City Solicitor

Matthew Stegman, Mayor’s Legislative Liaison

Caylin Young, President’s Legislative Director

Hilary Ruley, Chief Solicitor

Victor Tervala, Chief Solicitor

Ashlea Brown, Assistant Solicitor