February 24, 2021

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council Room 409, City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: Mayor and City Council Bill 21-0024 – Minority and Women's Business Utilization – Emergencies

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0024 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would clarify the City's minority business and women's business contract utilization requirements for certain emergency procurements, require that after an emergency procurement, the agency submit a report to the Board of Estimates and the Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office, provide for a special effective date and generally relate to greater transparency and utilization of minority and women's business in City emergency contracting.

This bill is identical to the third reader version of CCB 20-0605, a bill on the same subject from last term, and incorporates the Law Department's suggested amendments for that bill.

Therefore, the Law Department can approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency. Very truly yours,

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