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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 21-0036R – Informational Hearing – Avoiding an Eviction Crisis

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0036R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution is for the purpose of inviting representatives from several government entities and non-profit groups to appear before the City Council to discuss topics related to tax sales.

A resolution is an appropriate way for the City Council of Baltimore to conduct an investigative hearing. *See, e.g., Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium,* 313 Md. 413, 428 (1988). Therefore, the Law Department approves this Resolution for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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