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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 21-0046R – Investigative Hearing – Use of Facial Recognition Technology in Baltimore

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0046R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution is for the purpose of inviting representatives from government and the community to appear before the City Council to discuss facial recognition technology.

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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