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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 21-0072R – Informational Hearing - District Action Plans and
Focused Patrols

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0072R for form and legal sufficiency. The resolution is for the purpose of inviting the Police Commissioner of the Baltimore Police Department to appear before the Baltimore City Council to discuss how the department can develop and implement District Action Plans as a system to manage the reduction of community crime, establish achievement or impact objectives that define desired outcomes, and monitor district-level strategies and tactics to evaluate shifting crime trends.

In general, a City Council resolution is “an expression of opinion or mind concerning some particular item of business coming within the legislative body’s official cognizance.” *Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium Assoc.*, 545 A.2d 1296, 1303 (Md. 1988) (quoting *McQuillin Mun. Corp.* § 15:2 (3rd Ed.)). Council Bill 21-0037R is an appropriate resolution to discuss the topics outlined in this bill.

Accordingly, the Law Department is prepared to approve Council Bill 21-0072R for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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