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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 21-0168 – Tax Credits – Historic Properties – Application Extension

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0168 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would change the termination date for the tax credit program to allow applications for the tax credit to be received until February 28, 2023.

The General Assembly has given the City the authority to enact this tax credit. Md. Code, Tax-Prop., § 9-204.1. This includes the authority to adopt the duration of the tax credit. Md. Code, Tax-Prop., § 9-242(e)(1)(ii). The extension of this program is consistent with this state enabling legislation. The Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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cc: James L. Shea, City Solicitor Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office of Government Relations Elena DiPietro, Chief Solicitor, General Counsel Division Ashlea Brown, Chief Solicitor Victor Tervala, Chief Solicitor