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Mr. Ross Sasamura, Director
 Department of Facility Maintenance
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Subject: Bill 7 (2013) – Nuisances on Public Sidewalks

Dear Director Sasamura:

Thank you for your participation at yesterday's Public Safety & Economic Development Committee meeting. As a follow-up, I am writing to request clarification on your department's implementation of the responsibilities specified by Bill 7 as part of your department's 'clean team' sidewalk sweeps and power-washing activities:

1. How many DFM staff participate in department implementation of Bill 54? Would your department be able to conduct monthly sweeps that included removal of items from sidewalks from the following areas, using the approach specified by Bill 7, CD1?

District 1 – Aala Park, River Street, Pauahi Street, Smith Street, Hotel Street, Thomas Square, Queen/Punchbowl Streets intersection, Kamamalu Park, Halekauwila/Coral Streets, Ilalo Street, Ohe Street, Olomehani Street, Mother Waldron Park, Atkinson Drive/Kapiolani Boulevard (7-11 Store), Cartwright Park, Ala Wai Promenade behind the Convention Center, King Street in front of McCully Library, and Isenberg Street adjoining Moili'ili Neighborhood Park.

District 6 – Kuhio Avenue/Ulu Niu bus stop, Kalakaua Avenue/Ohua Street (Burger King), Kalakaua Avenue between Kapahulu/Paokalani Avenues, Kuhio Beach, Waikiki Shell, Paki Park and parks in Diamond Head areas.

The above-listed areas comprise the current areas identified for targeted sweeps coordinated by Department of Community Services, with the exception of Hotel Street between Smith and River Streets and King Street in front of McCully Library.

2. Would your department be able to conduct monthly power-washing of City sidewalks in the above-listed areas, as well as upon request from business owners (e.g., Union Mall, Fort Street Mall, Sumner Street, etc.), utilizing the approach specified by Bill 7, CD1?

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3. Can your department provide additional recommendations for the clean-up and securing of safe passage/access to City sidewalks for all residents and businesses?

I would appreciate a written response on the foregoing questions by Wednesday, March 6, 2013, or as soon as practicable, to assist us in our preparations for the joint PSED-IGA special information briefing scheduled for March 15, 2013.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter. Please contact my Senior Legislative Aide Lori Kunioka at 768-5072 or lkunioka@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,



Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Committee on Public Safety & Economic Development