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Honolulu City Council

Subject: Support for Bill 6 on Public Nuisance

To: Chair Martin and Council Members

At the March 13, 2018 meeting of the Waikiki Neighborhood Board Bill 6 was supported by an 11-0-0 vote.

The Waikiki Neighborhood Board has heard complaints about the safety of pedestrians due to Kiosks and other items blocking parts of our sidewalks for several years. We are concerned that our residents and visitors are unable to use our sidewalks, particularly those who rely on wheelchairs and other aids for walking.

Adding to the safety concerns are recent efforts by the City to provide safer bike use by converting the Makai Lane of Kalakaua to a Sherril Lane thus requiring our motor vehicles, including taxis/ubers/lyft/etc., to share that lane. This mixed use of the Makai Lane adds to the possibility of a pedestrian stepping into danger when trying to get around a Kiosk or other sidewalk blockage.

Bill 6 was on our agenda and there was only testimony from the attendees and board members in favor of closing the loopholes in the current statute to return the sidewalks to the pedestrians.

While there was testimony about how these Kiosks and other items unfairly compete with businesses that pay large rents and taxes our primary concern is to keep our sidewalks open for pedestrian use.

Mahalo for introducing this legislation and you have our support on this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Finley
Chair

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