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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #19-0136R INFORMATIONAL HEARING – Street Sweeping		

TO

DATE:

The Honorable President and
 Members of the City Council
 City Hall, Room 400
 100 North Holliday Street

July 15, 2019

The Office of Sustainability is in receipt of City Council Bill #19-0136R, which is for the purpose of inviting the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Bureau Chief of Solid Waste Management, and the Director of the Department of Transportation to attend an informational hearing regarding street sweeping and to describe the progress of the program, including the program's expansion, any time changes, and how this information is disseminated to the community.

The new 2019 Sustainability Plan (formally adopted on April 22, 2019) promotes improving water quality through various direct and indirect means. When rainwater runs off impervious surfaces such as sidewalks, streets, and roofs, it collects a wide range of toxic pollutants, sediments and trash, which it carries, untreated, into local waterways. The Plan highlights how green infrastructure can clean and slow rainwater, and also other means – including street sweeping – of reducing pollution in public waterways:

Water in the Environment

Strategy #1: 1. Increase positive and safe connections to public waterways, along with awareness of how litter and other pollutants enter them.

Action 2: Increase education and pursue progressive actions to reduce pollutants entering our waterways. For example, consider an awareness campaign to reduce litter and pet waste and encourage proper disposal of fats, oils, and grease. Also expand efforts to train volunteers on reporting suspected sewage leaks.

The Office of Sustainability fully supports City Council Bill #19-0136R.

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