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June 28, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Waters  
Chair and Presiding Officer  
and Members  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King Street, Room 202  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

Please accept this letter as notice that given the increase in illegal behavior(s) displayed in Chinatown, behavior(s) which are contrary to law and rise to the level of significant public health and safety concerns, Mayor Rick Blangiardi and I are finalizing a plan with the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) to ensure compliance with COVID emergency orders and the laws of the State of Hawaii and City & County of Honolulu.

To that end, the Administration is working with HPD to stand-up Chinatown COVID Enforcement Teams aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19 and variants of concern in Hawaii, and ensuring strict compliance with all laws including, but not limited to, laws ensuring the public health and safety of our residents, tourists and businesses.

The current plan is for six (6) hour shifts of HPD officers providing twenty-four (24) hour coverage seven (7) days a week in Chinatown with enforcement broken into three (3) foot patrol zones stretching from River Street to Bishop Street between N. Beretania Street and N. King Street. Officers will be assigned to zones and work in pairs, with reporting on enforcement statistics via a COVID-19 Enforcement Office Stat Report submitted to their supervisors at the end of assigned shifts. Supervisors will compile and complete a Supervisor Stat Report for submission to District 1 Command.

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Officer assignments will be by HPD via their special duty system and will be governed by HPD policy 3.20. Officers and supervisors will be compensated at their HPD overtime hourly rate similar to the City's special duty assignment utilizing orange special duty cards (HPD-57G). Major Yosemite, HPD, is working with Chamara Silva in MD's Office on the details.

We invite any questions you or Council may have regarding our Chinatown COVID Enforcement Teams to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Formby', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael D. Formby  
Managing Director