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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Sound check on
3 Community and Sanitation and Solid Waste Management.
4 Today's date January 30, 2026. Recorded by Kimberley
5 Smith-Thomas in HR 1.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. Welcome
7 to the New York City Council hearing for the
8 Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management.

9 Please silence all cell phone electronic
10 devices.

11 If you wish to participate in today's
12 hearing, please fill out an appearance card with the
13 Sergeant-at-Arms.

14 Moving forward, no one is to approach the
15 dais unless being called on.

16 Chair, we are ready to begin.

17 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: [GAVEL] Can you hear
18 me now? All right. Good afternoon, everyone. I am
19 Council Member Justin Sanchez, and I'm here today as
20 the Chair to the Committee of Sanitation and Solid
21 Waste Management. Welcome to today's hearing and
22 thank you to the Members of the Committee and the
23 representatives for joining us here today. I'd like
24 to also thank the members of the public that are here
25 to testify.

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2 To minimize disruption, again, please
3 place all your electronic devices on vibrate or
4 silent.

5 I would also like to acknowledge the
6 Council Members who are present here with us today.
7 We have Council Member Maloney, we have Council
8 Member Santosuosso, we have... TBD.

9 So, the purpose of today's hearing is to
10 hear two pieces of legislation. A Pre-Considered
11 Introduction sponsored by myself in relation to
12 street cleanliness requirements for City
13 concessionaires and franchisees, and another Pre-
14 Considered Introduction sponsored by Council Member
15 Shaun Abreu in relation to a pilot program for power
16 washing machines to clean sidewalk surfaces and
17 commercial corridors. These bills have the potential
18 to protect your public health in New York City and to
19 make our streets cleaner. I look forward to the
20 testimony that we received today on these bills.

21 I'd like to thank everyone on my team for
22 their work on this legislation.

23 Can we please swear in our first panel,
24 please?

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COMMITTEE COUNSEL BARRETT: Good morning.

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My name is Morganne Barrett, Committee Counsel for

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the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste

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May you please raise your right hands?

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Thank you.

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Do you affirm to tell the truth, the

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whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and to

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respond to Council Member questions honestly?

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ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: I do.

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER GOODMAN: I do.

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COMMITTEE COUNSEL BARRETT: Thank you. You

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may begin your testimony when ready.

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ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: Thank you.

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Good afternoon, Chair Sanchez and Members of the

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Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management. I

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am Javier Lojan, the Acting Commissioner of the New

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York City Department of Sanitation, and I am joined

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today by Joshua Goodman, Deputy Commissioner of

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Public Affairs and Customer Experience. Thank you for

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the opportunity to testify before this Committee on

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these two pieces of legislation related to

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cleanliness.

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2 DSNY is committed to keeping New York
3 City clean, safe, and healthy. The Department sweeps
4 the streets, empties litter baskets, tows their
5 vehicles, and removes graffiti. We also clear snow
6 and ice from city streets, which we are still in the
7 process of doing following last weekend's snowstorm.
8 But we can't do this alone. Property owners are our
9 partners in maintaining street cleanliness and
10 keeping sidewalks clear. They are required to
11 maintain a clean sidewalk, to remove litter and
12 debris from the first 18 inches into the street, and
13 to set out waste at the proper time and in the proper
14 receptacles. They are also responsible for clearing
15 snow and ice to create a four-foot clear path on
16 their sidewalks so people can pass safely. DSNY has
17 the authority to enforce these requirements and
18 issues violations to a specific address.

19 First, on the bill sponsored by Chair
20 Sanchez, when DSNY traverses the city, we observe and
21 receive complaints about dirty conditions, as well as
22 failure to remove snow and ice at bike share
23 stations, bus stops, and other locations that are in
24 the public right-of-way. Unfortunately, it's the
25 neighborhoods' residents and property owners who have

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2 to live with these conditions every day. The
3 Administration supports the intent of this
4 legislation to keep the area around these structures
5 clean. We do have some concerns with the bill as it
6 is currently written, and we'd like to work with the
7 Council to further this goal. We thank the Chair and
8 Speaker Menin for their focus on cleanliness, quality
9 of life, and safety, and we look forward to working
10 with the Council and our sister agencies on this
11 important issue.

12 Next on the bill sponsored by Council
13 Member Abreu, which would require DSNY to implement a
14 pilot program to clean and remove odors and spills
15 from sidewalks and commercial corridors using power
16 washing machines. Keeping sidewalks clean is the
17 responsibility of the adjacent property owner. With
18 DSNY's limited resources, we are focused on streets
19 and shared public spaces that is the City is
20 responsible for. That said, we are always open to
21 testing new technologies to enhance cleanliness, and
22 we understand that there are some heavily trafficked
23 commercial corridors where sidewalk conditions
24 sometimes exceed the normal course of regular
25 cleaning by the adjacent property owners. Some of

1 these commercial corridors already benefit from
2 supplemental sanitation service provided by Business
3 Improvement Districts. DSNY would be interested in
4 working with the sponsor on ways to promote
5 cleanliness of all commercial corridors, including
6 those that do not currently benefit from a BID or
7 supplemental sanitation provider. We look forward to
8 discussing this goal and the bill with the Council.
9 The Law Department is also reviewing the bill for
10 legal issues.
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12 Finally, while not on today's agenda,
13 DSNY supports additional legislation related to
14 cleanliness in commercial corridors, which would
15 expand the hours during which the Department may
16 enforce commercial cleanliness rules. Right now,
17 commercial cleanliness rules can only be enforced
18 during two one-hour blocks each day, which
19 significantly limits our ability to keep these
20 corridors clean. Extending enforcement authority
21 during to during business hours would give DSNY more
22 tools to do our job and lead to cleaner commercial
23 corridors in each of your Districts.

24 Thank you for the opportunity to testify
25 before you today. We look forward to working with

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2 this Committee to enhance cleanliness and improve
3 quality of life for all New Yorkers, and now welcome
4 any questions.

5 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: Before we
6 begin, I want to make sure that I recognize my
7 Colleague, Council Member Ung.

8 Thank you so much, Commissioner.

9 So, under the current framework, who is
10 responsible for maintaining the areas and the
11 structures operated by the concessionaires and the
12 franchisees?

13 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: So, the
14 requirements based on concessionaire-franchisee
15 agreements vary from a different agreement. You know,
16 they generally have agreements in them to make sure
17 that they maintain cleanliness, but it depends on, I
18 guess, which franchisee or concessionaire we're
19 referring to.

20 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: And as it
21 presently stands, what if any recourse does DSNY
22 itself currently have if these areas around these
23 structures are not maintained or not cleaned?

24 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: So, we
25 currently do not have any enforcement authority

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2 around these areas. Our sister agencies that hold
3 these agreements with the franchisees and the
4 concessionaires have recourse spelled out in their
5 agreements, as far as enforcement authority goes.

6 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: And to add on
7 to that, with your sister agencies, how close in
8 collaboration do you work with them to ensure that
9 they are, you know, issuing and, you know, keeping
10 these franchisees and concessionaires accountable to
11 the agreements that they have with these sister
12 agencies?

13 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: Yeah. So, as
14 far as just the agencies, particularly a lot of the
15 operational ones, regardless of what the issues are,
16 we are in close coordination with any kind of
17 cleanliness issue, you know, even snow removal. So,
18 regardless of what it is, we're in constant
19 coordination with them. We work great with them, you
20 know, so it's like one of these things that, you
21 know, we work well with them. It's just, obviously,
22 just constantly keeping that open line of
23 communication with them.

24 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: And we will
25 be talking about the snowstorm, you know, in later

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2 hearings, but just in particular around these
3 concessionaires and these franchisees, can you talk
4 to me about how you've been able to operate with
5 cleanliness standards during this time, in terms of
6 just your staff and your, you know, the allocation
7 that you've had to make in staff allocation to
8 helping to maintain these?

9 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: Yeah. So, I
10 think when it comes to cleanliness, a lot of the, any
11 issues would be, primarily DSNY's issues would be
12 anything that primarily obstructs our tree sweepers
13 or mechanical brooms. You know, there may be issues
14 from time to time. This bill covers, you know, some
15 of the bus shelters, any kind of like tree furniture,
16 things like that, the LinkNYC stations, but primarily
17 our major issues are with mechanical broom
18 obstructions. So right now, as far as those
19 concessions and franchisees are concerned, there's
20 not one particular issue that I can point to as far
21 as, you know, a major issue.

22 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: And if this
23 bill were to pass, does DSNY have the enforcement
24 staff to carry out the powers that the bill would
25 grant?

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2 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: So, I think
3 there's still some research that we'd have to conduct
4 as far as how that mechanism will work. But, you
5 know, as far as DSNY is concerned, so the way we're
6 structured is we're broken up into 232 sections
7 across the city within the 59 districts. Each one of
8 those sections is covered by a field supervisor, and
9 that supervisor is responsible for maintaining, you
10 know, cleanliness standards all across that section.
11 And it's, you know, making sure that people's waste
12 are collected on time, you know, responding to 3-1-1
13 complaints, issuing any kind of, you know, violations
14 when it comes to cleanliness standards. So, those
15 supervisors would be part of, you know, they'd have
16 to encompass this as part of their daily routines if
17 this was something that was passed.

18 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: If this were
19 to pass, do you have any idea of how DSNY would
20 identify a location where a franchisee or
21 concessionaire has failed to maintain its area?

22 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: Yeah. I think
23 that's part of, just re-emphasizing the point I just
24 made, I think that those supervisors cover a lot of
25 ground. And, I just kind of want to just clarify,

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2 those sections are broken up even further within, you
3 know, frequency. So, you know, you're familiar with,
4 you know, if you get picked up on a Monday and a
5 Thursday, their concentration would be in that area
6 on a Monday. And then, you know, they pretty much
7 always patrol like the mechanical brooms during
8 street cleaning regulations. So, they're all across
9 the section, but then they bounce around time to
10 time. And during their travels is where they make a
11 lot of these observations and, you know, any kind of
12 cleanliness issues would be part of, you know, that,
13 that they would be reporting up to us.

14 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: And in terms
15 of the cleanliness standards, do you think that this
16 bill goes beyond what a regular civilian, a property
17 owner has to deal with when they're doing regular
18 civilian enforcement?

19 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: You're saying
20 as far as that these franchisees and concessionaires?
21 So, I think that these, some of these areas that
22 we're talking about are areas that, you know, you're
23 right, like there are a little bit beyond sometimes
24 what they are maybe responsible for. So, this is just
25 kind of just trying to identify what those lapses are

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2 and just trying to, you know, find a way to kind of
3 rectify those.

4 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: And can you
5 describe some of the more egregious examples of
6 locations in the city where a franchisee or a
7 concessionaire has not kept their area clean?

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: So, I really
9 don't have a particular egregious example. You know,
10 a lot of the times some of the things that we get,
11 you know, we're made aware of are things in bus
12 shelters and it's not really egregious. I know that
13 there's a vendor that maintains that, but generally
14 we really don't have any egregious examples as far
15 as, you know, the things that are covered in this
16 bill right now.

17 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: Thank you.

18 I'd also like to take a moment to
19 recognize two of my Colleagues that are with us
20 virtually, and that is Council Member Hanif and
21 Council Member Shanel Thomas-Henry.

22 I want to open the floor to any of my
23 Colleagues if you have any questions.

24 Turning it over to Council Member Ung.
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COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Hi. Good afternoon.

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It's about the power washing, exploring

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new technologies. I have a very busy commercial

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space in that BID to have that machine, which I don't

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think I'm the, maybe I'm not the only BID who has

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this issue, so I think it would be great if we could

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talk, you know, the new technologies, I read this, it

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would be great if we could, you know, have further

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discussions about that. Is there thoughts about, you

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know, any way to make this work? Because a power

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washing machine is really important in commercial

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corridors.

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ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: Yeah. So, I

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think there's a few things here. I think what we

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envision with this pilot is procuring a vendor to try

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to perform this work. Particularly just because it's

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a pilot, we want to learn from things, right? So, you

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know, and they could expand, you know, the reach of

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what technologies are out there. You know, I mean,

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2 sometimes the word technology, you know, people think
3 it's something really like, oh my god, so cool and
4 new, but I'm thinking just something as simple as
5 they have these attachments that go on power washers
6 that are just limited to the ground and surface and
7 they can clean that pretty well. So, things like
8 that, that I just know anecdotally from, you know, my
9 personal experience, I think would benefit in some of
10 these areas. But I think finding a vendor, you know,
11 getting a contract with them and kind of figuring out
12 what options are out there and obviously their reach
13 is a lot more than, you know, the City in certain
14 cases so I think that's what we're envisioning.

15 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: Council
16 Member Santosuosso.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: Thank you,
18 and thank you, Commissioner, for being with us today,
19 and again, thank you for the split shifts that all
20 your workers are doing right now and removing and
21 cleaning all our streets and sidewalks. I appreciate
22 you being here, especially with that going on.

23 I want to focus, as far as the
24 concessionaires bill goes, on Citi Bike, because
25 there was recently an expansion into Bay Ridge, which

1 I represent, and concerns around litter within City
2 Bike stations was one of the main points of
3 contention for people that were not necessarily
4 supportive of Citi Bike coming into the neighborhood.
5 Currently, can you lay out for me more in detail how
6 those Citi Bike docks are kept clean?
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8 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: Right. So,
9 Citi Bike is not covered under this, so they have a
10 contract.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: Okay.

12 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: So, they
13 wouldn't be considered a concessionaire or a
14 franchisee.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: Okay.

16 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: So, they
17 wouldn't be covered under this legislation.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: Got it.

19 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: Yeah. But my
20 understanding is that they do have cleanliness
21 standards that they're required to maintain, but I
22 would defer those to the Department of Transportation
23 for more specifics.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: And so maybe
25 we should lay out for my edification, what are the

1 concessionaires that would qualify under this
2 legislation?
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4 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: Okay. So
5 coordinated street furniture franchisee JCDeCaux,
6 which is bus shelters, new stands, automatic public
7 toilets, LinkNYC kiosks, and then any plaza and park
8 concessionaires. That's what would be included in
9 this legislation.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: Understood,
11 okay.

12 And is this currently subcontracted? Is
13 it separately handled for each of those
14 concessionaires, or is it?

15 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: Yeah. I think
16 I would defer to the agency responsible to holding
17 that concession or franchisee, but I would imagine
18 that they all have different mechanisms in place.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: Okay. And
20 would you be concerned that this would, that if
21 enacted, this would somehow take away the existing
22 capacity of Sanitation to conduct its ongoing
23 enforcement that it's currently required to do?

24 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: So again, just
25 kind of just really, until we get the full scope of

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2 what would be required if legislation was passed, I
3 know there's obviously some more work to do and work
4 through that with the Council and Administration. If
5 it's something that it's during the course of our
6 travels, as I mentioned, I think, you know, these
7 supervisors cover a lot of ground and, you know,
8 they're responsible for anything cleanliness. I don't
9 think it's just... we don't send them out and say, you
10 know, your mission for the day is to, you know, make
11 sure this is done. It's just everything. You know,
12 it's sometimes, it's not easy, it's a lot of ground
13 to cover, but I think anything within the course of
14 duties and travels, they would be responsible for
15 reporting up. That's a lot of times how we find
16 issues where you see litter, you see 3-1-1
17 complaints, they go investigate, and then, you know,
18 you're like, oh I've never seen this before, and then
19 that's how we find some issues sometimes. So, I think
20 this would be in the course of their duties if
21 passed.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: Got it. Okay.
23 And then do you, Chair, do you want me to focus my
24 questions on just the...

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CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: You can move
on to the power washing bill.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: So, has a
power washing pilot ever been conducted in the past?

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ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: So not to my
recollection. I believe there was something done with
the CleanNYC program many, many years ago, but I
couldn't speak to specifics of it.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: Okay.

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ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: And I believe
maybe some BIDs might do that, you know, separately
on a case-by-case basis.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: But as far as
Sanitation goes, there's no...

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ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: No.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: Okay.
Precedent here for that. Okay.

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Okay. It's probably early to discuss what
the possible costs of something like this would be,
so I'm not going to get into that.

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And then I just wanted to open up the
opportunity, sorry, going back to the concessionaires
bill, you mentioned that you're supportive in spirit,
but there might be some concerns.

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2 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: Yeah, of
3 course. Yeah, I think it's just more, you know,
4 anytime I'm asked about any legislation, anything
5 that supports cleaner streets in any capacity, you
6 know, we're supportive in that spirit. Obviously,
7 there's mechanisms that impact different agencies, so
8 I just want to make sure that we're all, you know,
9 not, we're all aligned on that, but I mean, obviously
10 cleaner streets are always going to be, you know,
11 DSNY is always going to be supportive of that.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: Got it. Okay,
13 I think that's all I have.

14 Thank you, Chair. Thank you,
15 Commissioner.

16 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: Thank you,
17 Council Member.

18 So, moving on to some questions that I
19 have about the power washing bill. Does DSNY
20 anticipate that power washing sidewalks may result in
21 increased slip and fall risk?

22 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: So, I think
23 when it comes to any kind of, you know, a program or
24 operation that's outside of our normal, I shouldn't
25 even say outside of our normal, I think any kind of

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2 operation that we have, safety is one of the most
3 important things that we always take into
4 consideration. I think when it comes to something
5 that, as I mentioned, we haven't done before,
6 obviously safety is the utmost importance of
7 anything, but I mean, I have to really defer more to
8 the Law Department as far as, like, specifics to
9 that, but I think, you know, safety is always number
10 one priority no matter what, as far as DSNY is
11 concerned.

12 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: Absolutely.
13 And do you know if currently any DSNY street cleaning
14 initiatives require coordination or authorization
15 with DEP?

16 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: Yeah. So,
17 DEP's a great agency, and I just, you know, want a
18 chance to thank them, and, you know, DOT and Parks,
19 and it was just great agencies that we always work
20 with together, and DEP is one of them that, you know,
21 we always coordinate with them, so this would
22 definitely be one of the things that we'd have to
23 coordinate with them, but I think obviously the good
24 relationship we have with them, that this would be
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1 something that would be, it wouldn't be a challenge.
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3 At least I don't think it would be.

4 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: And, you
5 know, understanding that this would bring such street
6 cleanliness to us and trying to get us moving as fast
7 as possible, if we were able to move quickly on this
8 bill, do you see the opportunity for DSNY to be able
9 to carry out this pilot program in 2026 before the
10 temperatures drop below freezing once more?

11 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: Yeah. I think
12 that's one of my concerns, that procurements do take
13 some time, and I think obviously, you know, if we
14 had, if I had, you know, the typical, you get a power
15 washer, and, you know, you power wash the sidewalks,
16 you know, kind of scope in mind, you know, that might
17 be a lot easier, but obviously, as I mentioned, like
18 there's a lot of cool things out there that we want
19 to explore, and procurements take time, so I think,
20 you know, that would be a concern to have that ready
21 before, you know, the fall and winter months,
22 because, and then the other thing, the last thing we
23 want to do is, even if we're ready by then, now you
24 have to watch for the cold temperatures, and then
25 you're starting, and stopping, and pausing a pilot, I

1 think we'd want to have a nice clean break of like
2 temperatures that are acceptable for this kind of
3 pilot, so I think that would be a concern for me to
4 start, you know, as early as, you know, the April
5 2026 timeline.

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7 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: Absolutely.
8 Bring in the Contracts Chair.

9 Does the agency have any locations in
10 mind, particularly regarding any of the commercial
11 corridors that they see as potential places to start
12 this pilot program?

13 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: Yeah. I think
14 there's plenty of areas that I can just, you know,
15 obviously over the years of, you know, hearing from
16 different elected officials, and civic groups, and
17 things like that, I'm sure there's plenty, but I
18 think I would feel more comfortable working with the
19 Council on kind of identifying areas. You know, a
20 pilot, obviously, you want to learn things, and you
21 want it to be successful, right, so the scope of
22 work, defining that is the most important thing, and
23 I think corridors where you're going to also get
24 support from the neighborhood and say this is great,
25 I think this is the most important thing, so I think

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2 the Council, you know, knowing your constituents the
3 best would be the best to kind of know that, and then
4 working in line with what our operational concerns
5 are, and then I think that's the best thing, so I'd
6 rather not define something without knowing too much
7 of, you know, what the challenges are, but I think
8 that's my position on it.

9 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: As a point of
10 personal privilege, the 3rd Avenue BID would have
11 absolutely love some power washing.

12 Does anyone have any more questions?

13 If not, thank you so much for your time
14 and your testimony.

15 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: And can I just
16 say, I'm looking forward to working with this
17 Committee, and I want to go back also thank, you
18 know, Council Member Abreu, working with him during
19 my tenure as Acting Commissioner, but just be rest
20 assured, if you know, and some of you have mentioned
21 that already, that my goal is to always, you know,
22 get the streets clean, get them clear of snow, and I
23 look forward to working with you, and anything I can
24 do to make it better, I'm always open, my phone's

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2 always, I'm always available, so thank you for your
3 time.

4 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: Absolutely.
5 And thank you so much. You know, you've been a great
6 resource and ally during this snowstorm, and even
7 from before, you know, getting ready to take on this
8 position, so I just really want to say thank you to
9 the Commissioner, thank you to all the Sanitation
10 workers out there, thank you for doing your job and
11 keeping us moving.

12 ACTING COMMISSIONER LOJAN: Great. Thank
13 you.

14 CHAIRPERSON JUSTIN SANCHEZ: And bring on
15 the next panel, please.

16 I now open the hearing for public
17 testimony. I remind members of the public that this
18 is a government proceeding and that decorum shall be
19 observed at all times. As such, members of the public
20 shall remain silent at all times.

21 The witness table is reserved for people
22 who wish to testify. No video recording or
23 photography is allowed from the witness table.
24 Further, members of the public may not present audio
25 or video recordings as testimony, but may submit

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2 those as transcripts of such recordings to the
3 Sergeant-at-Arms for inclusion in the hearing record.

4 If you wish to speak at today's hearing,
5 please fill out an appearance card with the Sergeant-
6 at-Arms and wait to be recognized. When recognized,
7 you will have two minutes to speak on the two pieces
8 of legislation being heard by this Committee today.

9 If you have a written statement or
10 additional written testimony you would wish to submit
11 for the record, please provide that record to the
12 Sergeant-at-Arms. You may also email written
13 testimony within the next 72 hours of this hearing to
14 testimony@council.nyc.gov. Again, that is
15 testimony@council.nyc.gov. Audio and video
16 recordings, again, will not be accepted.

17 Is there anyone for the first panel?

18 Seeing none, this hearing is hereby
19 adjourned. [GAVEL]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date February 10, 2026