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At your request, we have studied the intersection of Clark Street and Germania Place. You described vehicles parked on Clark Street, which impede emergency vehicles and make it difficult for drivers on Germania to see oncoming traffic. We recommend extending the existing parking restriction to 20 feet from the crosswalk and coordinating with the Police to enforce the No Parking zones. The details of our analysis follow.

Germania Place is a one-block local street which joins in a tee intersection at Clark Street. A pedestrian refuge island in the north leg of Clark Street allows pedestrians to cross northbound and southbound traffic in two stages. Parking is prohibited in the immediate vicinity of Germania on both sides of Clark.

The existing "No Parking" signs are properly posted and in good condition. During a recent site visit, our staff observed vehicles parking in the No Parking zones. The No Parking zone on the west side of Clark, north of Germania is approximately 15 feet long. As described in your letter, parked vehicles in this zone make it difficult for eastbound drivers on Germania to see southbound traffic. Drivers parked in any of the No Parking zones at this intersection can block the view between drivers and pedestrians entering the crosswalk. We recommend expanding the 15-foot No Parking zone to 20 feet to maintain clear lines of sight. We will also replace other signs at this intersection which are missing. This recommendation is shown in the enclosed drawing. Because the parking signs are already clearly posted, moving these signs is not likely to deter drivers

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who choose to disobey them. We are sending a copy of this letter to the 18 Police District. We ask them to consider enforcement efforts at this intersection, with a focus on vehicles parked in the No Parking zones on Clark Street adjacent to Germania.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Ms. Luann Hamilton at 312-744-1987.

Sincerely

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Move existing signs to 20' from crosswalk

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