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January 13, 2021

Rusty Hicks  
Chair  
California Democratic Party  
1830 9th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95811

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 592-20

Dear Chair Hicks:

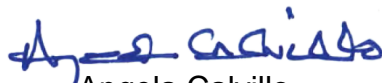
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The Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following document to your attention:

- One copy of Resolution No. 592-20 (File No. 201371)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by e-mail: [board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org).

Sincerely,

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

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12 Francisco Democratic Party, the Rose Pak Democratic Club, California Assemblymembers  
13 Chiu (AD-17) and Gonzalez (AD-80), and a number of other individuals and organizations;  
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15 WHEREAS, The March 2019 Resolution made it the policy of the California Democratic  
16 Party to expand eligibility for all Californians to register with the California Democratic Party,  
17 regardless of immigration status; and

18 WHEREAS, The California Democratic Party is governed by By-Laws and Rules of the  
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22 Section 3 of the Bylaws, or, in pertinent part, elected by Assembly District Election Meetings  
23 pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in Article VI of the Bylaws; and

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1 ineligible to register as Democrats “but have expressed an intent to register as a member of  
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16 commitments set forth in the March 2019 Resolution in a timely manner, thereby disqualifying  
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December 15, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 12/15/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Unsigned
London N. Breed
Mayor

12/23/2020
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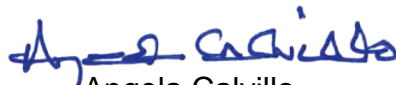
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