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May 13, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor of the State of California 1021 O Street, Suite 9000 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 206-25

Dear Governor Newsom:

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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. 206-25 (File No. 250435)

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.

Sincerely,

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