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March 20, 2023

The Honorable Scott Wiener California State Senator California State Capitol 1021 O Street, Suite 6630 Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 92-23

Dear Senator Wiener:

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