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April 12, 2023

The Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor of the State of California 1020 O Street, Suite 9000 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 104-23

Dear Governor Newsom:

On March 7, 2023, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 104-23 (Opposing State Ballot Initiative Limiting Voters' and Local Governments' Ability to Raise Revenues for Public Services), which was enacted on March 17, 2023.

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

One copy of Resolution No. 104-23 (File No. 230227)

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Erika Contreras Secretary of the Senate California State Senate California State Capitol, Room 307 Sacramento, CA 95814

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