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April 26, 2023

The Honorable Matt Haney California State Assembly Member California State Capitol, Room 5310 P.O. Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249-0017

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 165-23

Dear Assembly Member Haney:

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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. 165-23 (File No. 230325)

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