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May 10, 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. 173-23

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:

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The Honorable Toni G. Atkins
California State Senator
Senate President pro Tempore
California State Capitol
1021 O Street, Suite 8518
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Chair of the Budget Subcommittee No. 5 Public Safety
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Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 173-23

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