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May 10, 2023

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker Emerita 1236 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 190-23

Dear Speaker Emerita Pelosi:

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One copy of Resolution No. 190-23 (File No. 230418)

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