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June 2, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor of the State of California 1303-10th Street, Suite 1173 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 210-20

Dear Governor Newsom:

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June 2, 2020

The Honorable Phil Ting California State Assembly Member California State Capitol, Room 6026 P.O. Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249-0019

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 210-20

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Joseph E. Holland President Santa Barbara County Clerk, Recorder & Assessor Registrar of Voters 4440 A Calle Real Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 210-20

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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 2, 2020

To: John Arntz, Director, Department of Elections

From: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Presidential Election - Protect Voter Access, Ensure Mass Public Education on Voting, and Focus on Equity (File No. 200435)

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