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June 10, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the United States House of Representatives 1236 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 221-20

Dear Madam Speaker:

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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. 221-20 (File No. 200469)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by e-mail: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org.

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Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

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Unsigned 05/22/2020

London N. Breed Date Approved Mayor

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May 12, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

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Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned 05/22/2020

London N. Breed Date Approved

Mayor

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June 10, 2020

The Honorable Jackie Speier United States House of Representatives 2465 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 221-20

Dear Congresswoman Speier:

On May 12, 2020, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 221-20 (Urging Congress to Enact the Automatic Boost to Communities Act), which was enacted on May 22, 2020.

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

One copy of Resolution No. 221-20 (File No. 200469)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by e-mail: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org.

Sincerely,

Clerk of the Board

c. Members of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisors Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton, Matt Haney, Dean Preston

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10	WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) first appeared in December 2019 and has
11	spread throughout the world, and on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared
12	the outbreak a global pandemic; and
13	WHEREAS, On February 25, 2020, San Francisco Mayor London Breed declared a
14	state of emergency to ramp up the city's efforts to prepare for and respond to local cases of
15	coronavirus; and
16	WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of
17	emergency to help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19; and
18	WHEREAS, On March 13, 2020, United States President Donald Trump declared a
19	national state of emergency concerning the novel coronavirus outbreak; and
20	WHEREAS, San Francisco and California are responding in strong and definitive ways
21	to slow the spread and save lives, with the San Francisco Health Officer issuing order C19-07
22	ordering residents to shelter-in-place and cease non-essential activities as of March 17, 2020

and California Governor Gavin Newsom following on March 19, 2020, to issue Executive

Order N-33-20 ordering residents to remain in their homes except for essential activities; and

1	WHEREAS, In order to comply with shelter-in-place orders for public health, many
2	businesses have shut their doors, temporarily or permanently, and laid off or terminated
3	thousands of employees; and
4	WHEREAS, As of mid-April, nearly 20 percent of the California workforce had filed
5	unemployment claims; nationally, more than 30 million people have filed for benefits; and
6	across the Bay Area, there were more than 74,000 planned layoffs and furloughs in April, five
7	times what the area had suffered in March; and
8	WHEREAS, Locally, the Golden Gate Restaurant Association projects that as many as
9	half of all San Francisco restaurants may shut their doors for good, and there are estimates
10	that 80 percent of hospitality workers will lose their jobs, along with thousands more in
11	entertainment, travel, retail, and service; and
12	WHEREAS, These levels of unemployment are at historical highs, and economists
13	have stated that despite the historic number of claims, they understate the extent of the
14	economic crisis; and
15	WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
16	Economic Security (CARES) Act at the end of March, which includes a package of relief and
17	stimulus programs including \$500 billion for large corporations and one-time \$1,200 checks to
18	individuals; and
19	WHEREAS, Those workers who are eligible for California unemployment insurance are
20	still getting only a fraction of what they would otherwise earn, and the additional Pandemic
21	Unemployment Compensation provided through the CARES Act is a short-term augmentation
22	and
23	WHEREAS, Some self-employed workers and independent contractors are now
24	eligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance provided through the CARES Act, but those
25	payments are capped at \$167 per week; and

1	WHEREAS, Neither of the unemployment benefit programs established through
2	CARES are adequate to cover the extent and likely duration of loss of income; and
3	WHEREAS, Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, nearly 12% of the population of the
4	United States or close to 45 million people were living in poverty and for those who are
5	employed, nearly 7% or about 7 million people were living in poverty; that is, people were
6	working but did not have the resources to cover even the most basic necessities- food,
7	housing, education and childcare; and
8	WHEREAS, According to United States Census Bureau data, 10.1% of San
9	Franciscans live at or below the federal poverty rate, which is \$12,760 for an individual and
10	\$26,200 for a family of four and which rate does not vary geographically nor take into account
11	the cost of housing in San Francisco where the average monthly rent for an apartment is
12	\$3700, the highest in the country; and
13	WHEREAS, COVID-19 has had devastating economic impacts that are being felt most
14	acutely by the poor and the working poor and millions who live paycheck to paycheck will be
15	unable to survive for the extended duration of social distancing that are likely to be necessary
16	to avoid the worst public health effects of coronavirus; and
17	WHEREAS, Even before COVID-19, tens of thousands of San Franciscans were
18	experiencing hunger and food insecurity; and
19	WHEREAS, In December 2018, San Francisco's Food Security Task Force issued a
20	200-page report which revealed that, although San Francisco had increased spending on
21	nutrition programs by \$48 million from 2013 to 2018, the extra meals and groceries were still
22	not enough to meet the needs of the estimated 227,000 San Franciscans who were at high
23	risk of food insecurity; and
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5	all levels of government; and
6	WHEREAS, The CARES Act one-time stimulus checks were insufficient to address the
7	scale of this crisis for individuals and families and left out millions of people, mostly the poor
8	and immigrant families; and
9	WHEREAS, Without providing the entire country with immediate financial assistance,
10	there will be a risk of worsening the health and economic crisis related to COVID-19 and, the
11	better we provide assistance to all people now, the quicker we'll return to work and get our
12	economy and communities thriving; and
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15	provide a \$2,000 payment by issuing BOOST debit cards to every person in America as
16	immediate critical relief during the COVID-19 crisis, followed by \$1,000 recurring monthly
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18	WHEREAS, The ABC Act would be funded directly from the Treasury with no additional
19	debt issued by minting two \$1 trillion coins, and additional coins as necessary; and
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21	by creating a buffer for people who have seen their costs of living rise for decades as their
22	wages have stagnated; and
23	WHEREAS, Unlike a payroll tax cut, which would do little to benefit our most vulnerable
24	workers, the ABC Act would put real money in the pockets of people across the country; and

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