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June 2, 2020

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein United States Senator 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 203-20

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On May 5, 2020, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 203-20 (Supporting the Rent and Mortgage Cancellation Act of 2020), which was enacted on May 15, 2020.

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

One copy of Resolution No. 203-20 (File No. 200428)

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,

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