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July 20, 2020

The Honorable Sue Parker Chief Clerk of the Assembly California State Assembly California State Capitol, Room 3196 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 305-20

Dear Chief Clerk Parker:

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• One copy of Resolution No. 305-20 (File No. 200681)

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Sincerely,

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors City and County of San Francisco

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