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August 20, 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. 332-20

Dear Governor Newsom:

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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. 332-20 (File No. 200739)

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,

Angela Calvillo

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

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