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March 19, 2021

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. 065-21

Dear Chief Clerk Parker:

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Mayor

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