BOARD of SUPERVISORS



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April 23, 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. 148-21

Dear Chief Clerk Parker:

On April 6, 2021, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 148-21 (Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 20 (Kalra and Lee) - Corporate Free Elections Act), which was enacted on April 16, 2021.

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

• One copy of Resolution No. 148-21 (File No. 210316)

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: <u>board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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Resolution

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File Number: 210316

Date Passed: April 06, 2021

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April 06, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/6/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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London N. Breed Mayor 4/16/2021

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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