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June 16, 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. 243-21

Dear Chief Clerk Parker:

On May 18, 2021, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 243-21 (Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 528 (Wicks) - Abandoned Lots and Properties into Opportunity Act), which was enacted on May 28, 2021.

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One copy of Resolution No. 243-21 (File No. 210549)

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

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19	housing has become available to African American, Latinx, and minority populations in the
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May 18, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

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Unsigned 05/28/2021

London N. Breed Date Approved Mayor

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The Honorable Erika Contreras Secretary of the Senate California State Senate California State Capitol, Room 3044 Sacramento, CA 95814

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Mr. Paul Yoder
Ms. Karen Lange
Ms. Erica Smith
Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, Inc.
1415 L Street, Suite 1000
Sacramento, CA 95814

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