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August 23, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor of the State of California 1303-10th Street, Suite 1173 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 390-21

Dear Governor Newsom:

On July 27, 2021, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 390-21 (Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1256 (Quirk) - Employment Discrimination: Cannabis Screening Test), which was enacted on August 6, 2021.

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

• One copy of Resolution No. 390-21 (File No. 210839)

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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1	FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors requests the Clerk of
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The Honorable Scott Wiener California State Senator California State Capitol, Room 5100 Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

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