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To Whom It May Concern:

On February 25, 2020, under California Government Code Sections 8550 et seq., San Francisco Charter Section 3.100(14) and Chapter 7 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, Mayor London Breed issued a proclamation declaring a local emergency in connection with the imminent spread of a novel (new) coronavirus (“COVID-19”) within the City. On April 30, 2020, Mayor London Breed issued the Twelfth Supplement to that Proclamation. Section 1 of the 12th Supplement imposed protections for residential tenants, including a temporary moratorium on many eviction proceedings. On August 25, 2020, Mayor London Breed extended the Order until September 30, 2020, and a sixty-day extension terminated on November 29, 2020.

In addition, the State of California passed the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020 (AB 3088). This law established new regulatory requirements on government, business, landlords and private citizens to protect renters from evictions for failure to pay rent due to COVID-19 related economic impacts. Senate Bill 91, effective February 1, 2021, extends those residential eviction protections until June 30, 2021.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also imposed a moratorium on certain evictions through March 31, 2021. Just last week, a federal court held that the CDC lacked the authority to impose eviction moratoriums under their rule-making authority.

California’s restrictions on evictions do not prohibit all evictions. A court may find that evictions may proceed for allowable reasons such as public health and safety, violence, contractual violations not related to payment of rent, and other just cause evictions. The Sheriff’s Office continues to receive Writs of Possession for the enforcement of residential evictions. Due to infection and death rates, the virus variants in our community, and the serious public health risks involved in enforcing evictions, the Sheriff has been prioritizing evictions that the Court explicitly found posed a health and safety or violence risk. The Sheriff temporarily postponed scheduling others until there was a safer time to proceed.

Now that San Francisco has reached the yellow tier, thereby reflecting the lessening health risks within our City, the Sheriff will add additional staff to its eviction assistance unit to address the heightened impacts on tenants caused by COVID. We will also begin to schedule additional writ enforcement. The Sheriff will continue to prioritize those evictions that appear to require immediate enforcement due to health and safety concerns, especially those where it receives a

court order making an explicit finding that health and safety or violence concerns mandate immediate enforcement.

As for any eviction, the San Francisco Sheriff's Office requests a certified copy of the court order, containing the following: an original embossed seal of the Superior Court including the issuing clerk's signature and name clearly written below for identification, the stamp ink used to provide the certification and signature line must be blue, and a Minerva Seal of the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, stamped in blue.

We appreciate your assistance with this process. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact our office.

Thank you,

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