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February 13, 2018

Lisa M. Gilmor, Mayor, City of Santa Clara
City Hall
1500 Warbuton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

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Patricia Mahan, Teresa O'Neill
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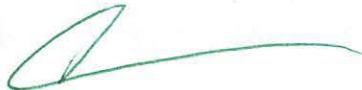
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39510 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Suite 280
Fremont, CA 94538

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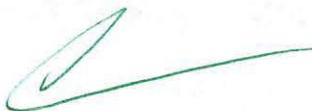
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