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Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division
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RE: City of West Hollywood Mayor Pro Tempore John Erickson Comments on Draft Resolution TL-19145

Dear President Reynolds and Commissioner Shiroma:

I am writing to you in my capacity as a Mayor Pro Tempore of the City of West Hollywood in support of Cruise's Deployment Permit and Draft Resolution TL-19145 which would allow Cruise to expand its fared service to serve the entire City of San Francisco, 24 hours a day.

California is and should remain the leader in AV technology and approving this resolution will go a long way in ensuring this innovative technology continues to grow in our state. Cruise's cutting-edge technology will help the state meet its ambitious climate goals and provide the people of California with another transportation option. Due to its location in Los Angeles County, the City of West Hollywood often suffers the effects of poor air quality and traffic congestion as people drive through our city on their commute to work. Without more zero-emission transportation options and widespread electrification of our transportation sector, these issues will remain unchanged.

Furthermore, in addition to the numerous environmental benefits provided by this technology, Cruise is committed to being a good community partner in each of the regions in which it operates. For example, Cruise for Good – the company's ongoing social impact program based currently in San Francisco – allocates at least 1% of Cruise's zero-emission AV fleet in service of low-income and disadvantaged communities in the city. Through various partnerships created, Cruise has delivered millions of meals to households that fall below the San Francisco poverty line. This program has both served the basic needs of those facing food insecurity while making a positive contribution to San Francisco and California's climate goals by offsetting over 85 metric tons of CO2 emissions that would have otherwise been emitted if these deliveries had been made in gas-powered cars. I would welcome

the opportunity to partner with Cruise to further serve my constituents in West Hollywood and meet similar needs.

I urge the commission to vote to approve Cruise's application to fully expand its commercial services across San Francisco as soon as possible. I am excited to see Cruise's continued expansion in California and I look forward to the possibility of bringing this innovative technology to the City of West Hollywood.

I appreciate your time and attention to this matter and am happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

John Erickson

John M. Erickson
Mayor Pro Tempore

cc: Douglas Ito, Director, Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division
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