Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102-3214

May 31, 2023

RE: Golden Gate Restaurant Association Comments on Draft Resolution TL-19145

Dear Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division,

On behalf of Golden Gate Restaurant Association (GGRA), I am writing to express our continued support for Cruise's application to serve the entire city of San Francisco 24/7. Passing Draft Resolution TL-19145 will give our members, their employees, and their customers access to safe, clean, and affordable transportation at any time of the day or night.

The GGRA is the singular trusted organization and one-stop resource for the culinary community in the Bay Area. Our mission is to celebrate and empower local restaurants through advocacy, education, marketing, events, and training.

In our previous submission during the December/January 2023 comment period for Advice Letter 002, we offered our support for Cruise as a more accessible transportation alternative for our members and their employees who need reliable late night rides, particularly after public transportation has closed. San Francisco's restaurant industry is still recovering from post-pandemic fallout, and recent plans to extend parking meter enforcement until 10 pm will only hurt businesses by adding another hurdle for patrons to overcome. We need transportation services like Cruise to increase easy and affordable access to local restaurants and help businesses keep up with rising prices.

By approving Cruise's proposal to operate citywide 24/7, the CPUC will help San Francisco remain a vibrant city and a leader in culinary innovation. We kindly ask that you vote to increase transportation options that benefit local businesses and the economy.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Best,

Laurie Thomas
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Golden Gate Restaurant Association

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Service lists for R.12-12-011, R.19-02-012, and R.21-11-014