CURREN D. PRICE, Jr.

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

RE: City of Los Angeles Council President Pro Tempore Curren Price Comments on Draft Resolution TL-19145

Dear President Reynolds and Commissioner Shiroma:

I am writing to you today in support of Cruise's Deployment Permit and Draft Resolution TL-19145 which would allow Cruise to expand its operations 24/7 to serve the entire City of San Francisco. I am excited to see how Cruise's efforts to provide clean, safe, and accessible transportation options may positively impact the city's residents and I look forward to the possibility of bringing this important technology to the City of Los Angeles.

I believe that California should be a leader in AV technology and that Cruise's cutting-edge technology can serve at the forefront of this effort while helping the state meet its ambitious climate and transportation goals. The City of Los Angeles too often suffers the effects of poor air quality due to traffic congestion and we need more zero-emission transportation options and widespread electrification in order to solve for these issues -- two areas where Cruise is already bringing benefits and leadership.

Furthermore, in addition to the numerous environmental benefits provided by this technology, Cruise is the only company in the AV space to commit to creating a wheelchair accessible vehicle. I find this particularly moving given the history of transportation is one that has been exclusionary to people with disabilities. Any delay in approving Cruise's permit perpetuates an unjust legacy of forcing people with disabilities to forfeit a transportation option that could serve them where other options have failed. This is just one of many important community benefits Cruise is bringing to the regions in which it operates and I am excited to see what kind of positive impact they may have on the communities and businesses I serve in the City of Los Angeles.

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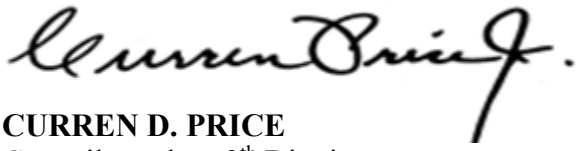
I urge the commission to vote to approve Cruise's application to fully expand its commercial services across San Francisco as soon as possible. With this expansion, Cruise will increase access to equitable transportation and more Californians, visitors, and local businesses will get the affordable, safe, and accessible transportation options they deserve.

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

Sincerely,



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