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Letter of Support of Cruise AL 002

1/18/2023

Douglas Ito, Director
Consumer Protection & Enforcement Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: ROSE PAK COMMUNITY FUND IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION CRUISE ADVICE LETTER 002

Dear Director Ito:

On behalf of the Rose Pak Community Fund (RPCF), I am sharing our support for Cruise's application to expand its commercial deployment area to the full 7x7 of San Francisco, 24/7. Cruise is a valued and trusted community partner, and we support its efforts to provide clean, accessible, affordable, and safe transportation options for all San Franciscans, visitors, and businesses.

The Rose Pak Community Fund was established in 2017 to advance the causes that Rose Pak, a community leader and political force who worked in San Francisco's Chinatown for over 45 years, championed throughout her life. This includes efforts around affordable housing, the preservation of Chinatown, access to quality healthcare, support for merchants and small businesses, and improving our schools.

Nearly 40 percent of Americans over the age of 65 experience trouble with mobility, according to the Administration for Community Living, and the CDC reports that millions of adults in the U.S. live with a disability. Despite these facts, most transportation options and services are not designed with these individuals in mind, resulting in significant barriers. Oftentimes, these groups end up relying on family members, caregivers, or public transportation for basic transportation needs.

All-electric, autonomous rideshare service Cruise is committed to addressing these challenges for our seniors and all San Franciscans by building a product for the community. Vehicles such as the first accessible AV, the Cruise Origin for Mobility, will help to improve mobility for those who struggle to utilize current transportation options.

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Cruise is focused on making a positive impact for our neighborhoods. Their self-driving fleet has delivered more than 2.3 million meals to San Franciscans in need since the onset of the pandemic.

We urge the commission to approve TL-002 to allow Cruise to provide around the clock service to the entire city and believe that expanding Cruise's service will provide equitable access to affordable and safe transportation options.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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Director,
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