

Item 6.L

Julie Minot

From: Alex Shoor <alex@CatalyzeSV.org>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 10:51 PM
To: Clerk; Nora Pimentel; Mayor and Council
Cc: Deanna Santana
Subject: Support for Continuing to Enable the Public to Participate Virtually



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Warmly,
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