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LINGXIAO ZHOU	4043 Forest Str.	[Signature]
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CHAND SHARMA	4038 KINCAID ST.	Chand Sharma
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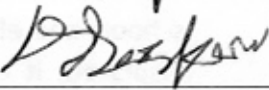
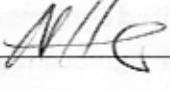



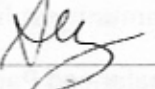
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Sony Mamak	4038 MacDonald Ave Bby	Sony Mamak
Norman Ho	4039 Forest Street Bby	
Tasneem Kurji	4099 Forest st, Bby	
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Pauline Pigeon	4083 Forest Street Burnaby V5G 1W9	Pauline Pigeon
VIJENDRAN NAIR	4067 FOREST STREET Burnaby V5G 1W9	Vijendra Nair
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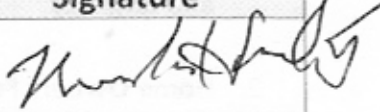
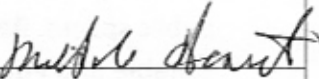
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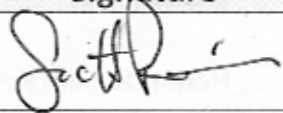
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