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January 13, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of the State of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 617-25

Dear Governor Newsom:

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The Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following document to your attention:

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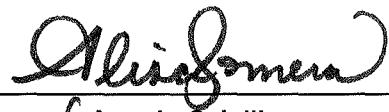
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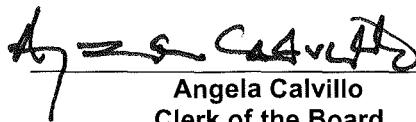
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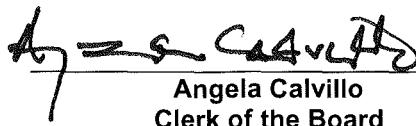
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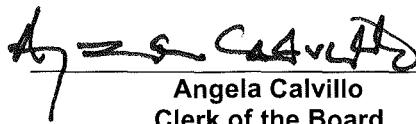
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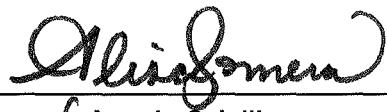
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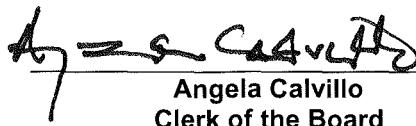
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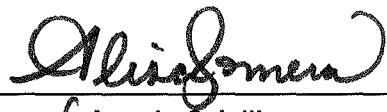
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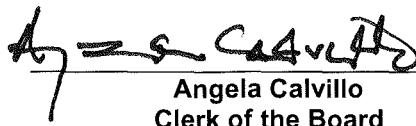
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Janet Reilly  
Chair, Board of Regents  
Office of the Secretary and Chief of Staff to the Regents  
1111 Franklin Street, 12th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94607

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 617-25

Dear Chair Reilly:

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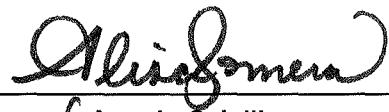
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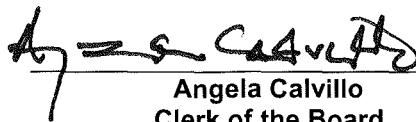
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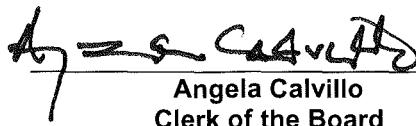
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