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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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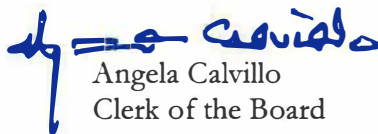
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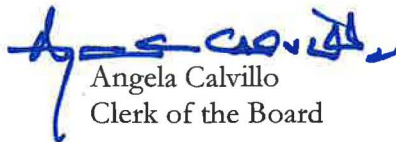
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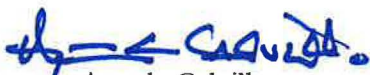
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Unsigned

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January 13, 2026

Jack B. Clarke, Jr.
Chair of the California State University
Board of Trustees
401 Golden Shore
Long Beach, CA 90802

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 617-25

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by e-mail: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org.

Sincerely,


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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- c. Members of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisors Rafael Mandelman, Danny Sauter
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