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April 5, 2021

The Honorable Scott Wiener  
California State Senator  
California State Capitol, Room 5100  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 089-21

Dear Senator Wiener:

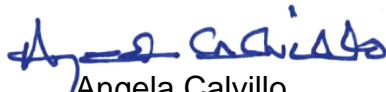
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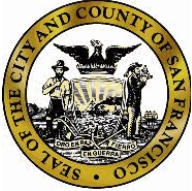
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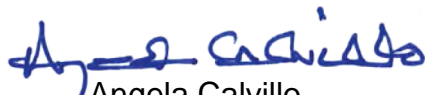
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