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June 26, 2018

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
United States House of Representatives
233 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 187-18

Dear Congresswoman Pelosi:


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Sincerely,


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Clerk of the Board

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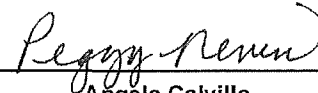
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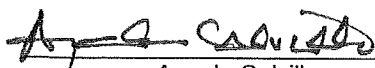
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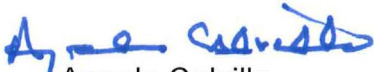
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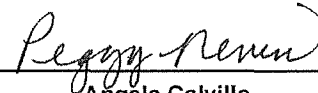
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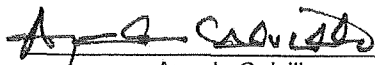
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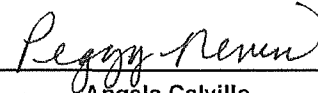
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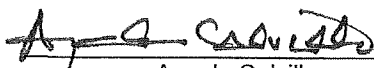
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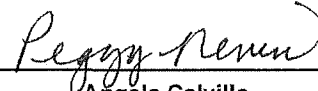
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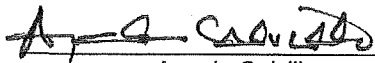
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