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July 28, 2026

The Honorable Mike Bost
United States Representative
352 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 395-26

Dear Representative Bost:

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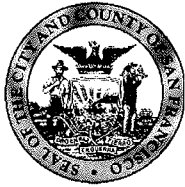
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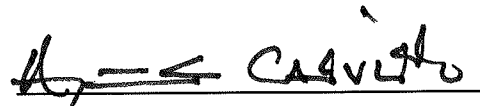
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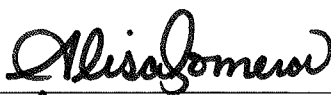
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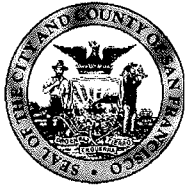
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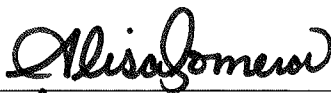
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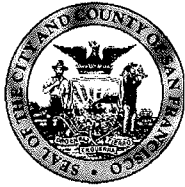
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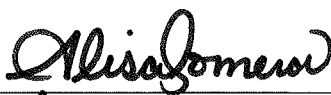
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1232 Longworth House Office Building
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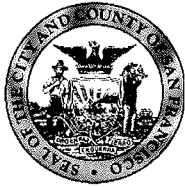
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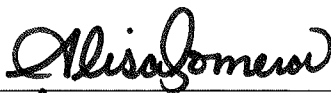
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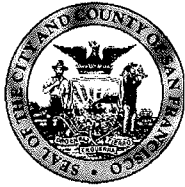
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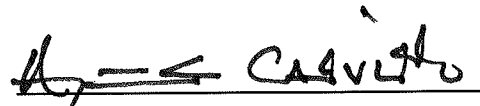
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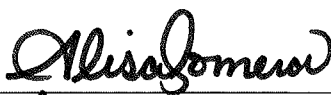
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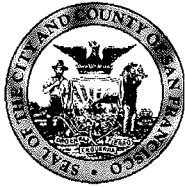
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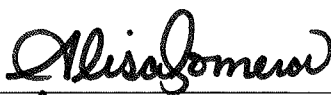
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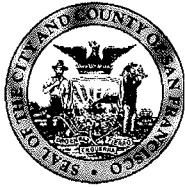
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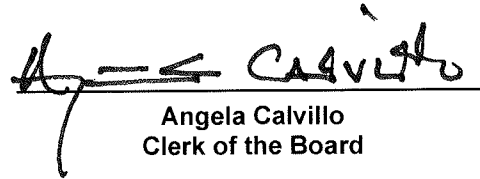
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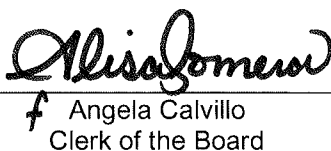
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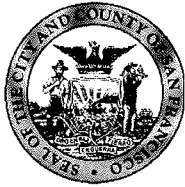
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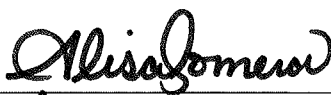
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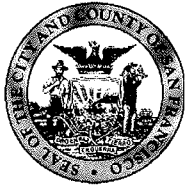
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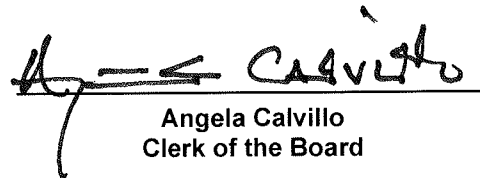
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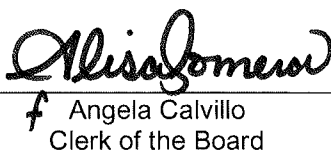
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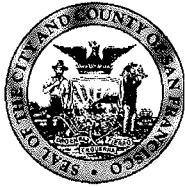
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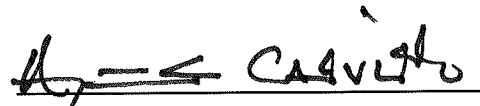
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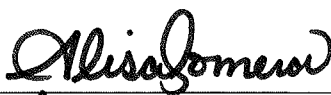
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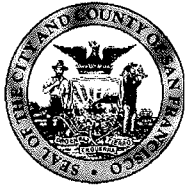
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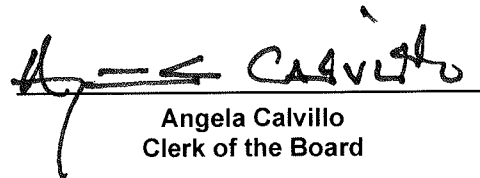
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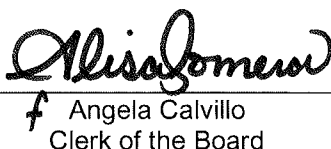
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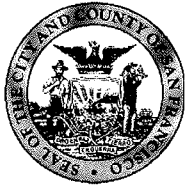
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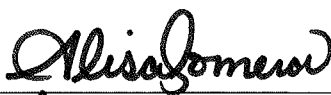
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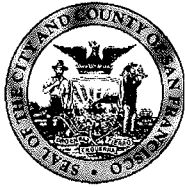
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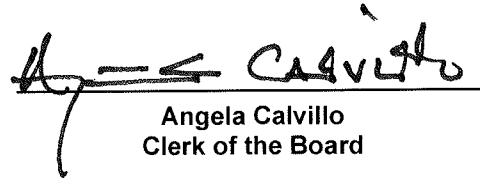
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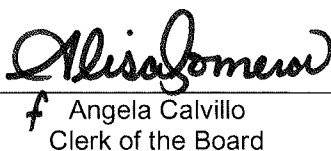
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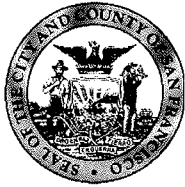
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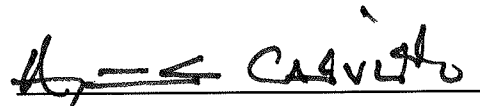
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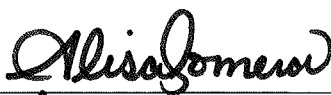
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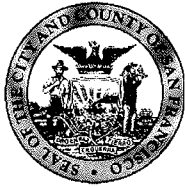
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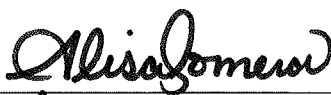
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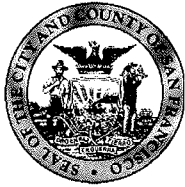
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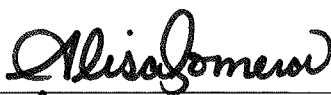
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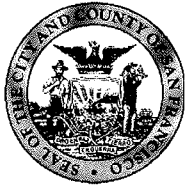
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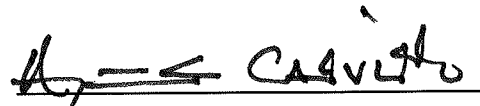
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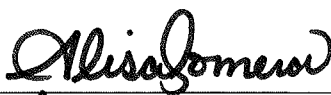
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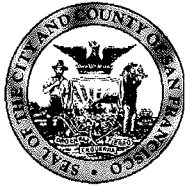
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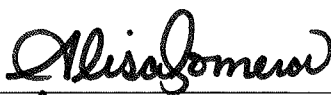
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United States Representative
1013 Longworth House Office Building
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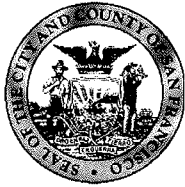
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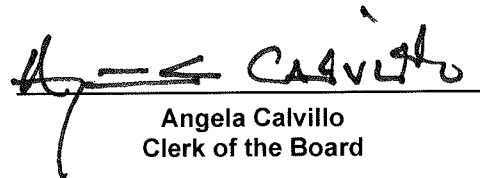
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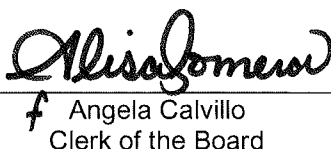
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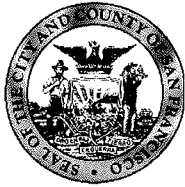
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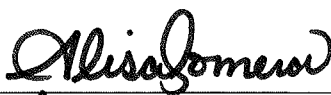
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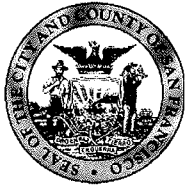
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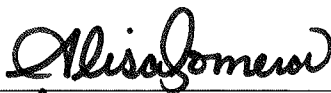
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1528 S. El Camino Real Suite 307
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Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 395-26

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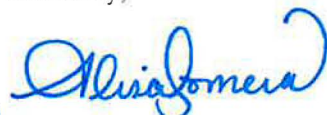
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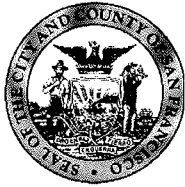
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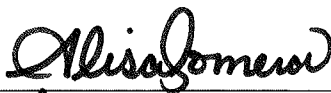
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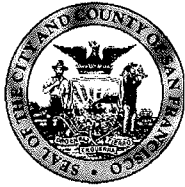
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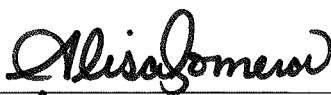
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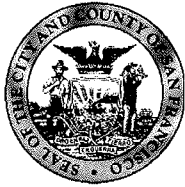
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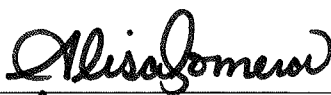
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1513 Longworth House Office Building
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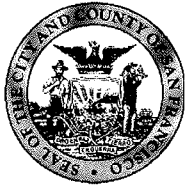
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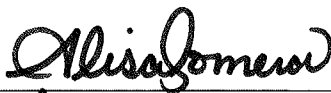
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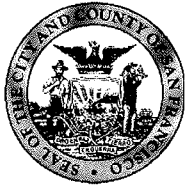
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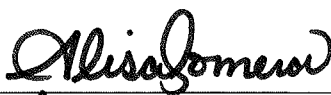
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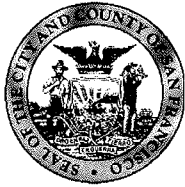
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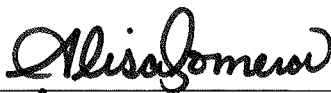
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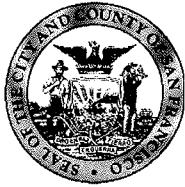
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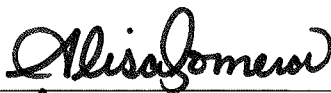
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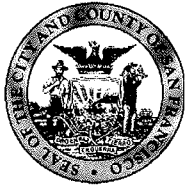
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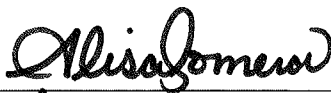
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17 WHEREAS, While community care programs can serve an important role when
18 properly integrated with the VA system, expanding reliance on non-VA care without adequate
19 safeguards would increase costs to taxpayers and weaken the quality, continuity,
20 accountability, and long-term capacity of the VA health care system; and

21 WHEREAS, A grateful nation should honor its obligations to veterans and should not
22 balance its budget by reducing benefits owed to the men and women who served; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
25 supports the VFW's position opposing the disability compensation offset provisions contained

1 in (House of Representatives) H.R. 9237 and (Senate) S. 4744, the proposed Take Care of
2 America's Veterans Act, as currently drafted; and, be it

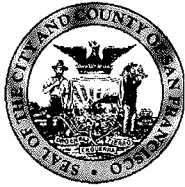
3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges Congress to
4 remove provisions that would reduce or eliminate disability compensation for veterans with
5 service-connected tinnitus and sleep apnea; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges Congress to
7 remove or substantially revise provisions that would weaken workplace rights and protections
8 for VA health care professionals or otherwise impair the VA's ability to recruit and retain health
9 care workers who serve veterans; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges Congress to
11 protect veterans' access to direct VA care and to reject any expansion of outside care that
12 undermines the quality, continuity, accountability, or long-term capacity of the VA health care
13 system; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges Congress to
15 advance veterans' benefits legislation without using reductions in earned veterans' disability
16 compensation as a budget offset, and rejects misleading claims that the proposal does not cut
17 benefits merely because some existing ratings are grandfathered; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit
19 copies of this Resolution to California's United States Senators, the members of the United
20 States House of Representatives representing the City and County of San Francisco, the
21 Chair and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, the Chair and
22 Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, the authors and principal
23 sponsors of H.R. 9237 and S. 4744, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the Veterans of
24 Foreign Wars of the United States.



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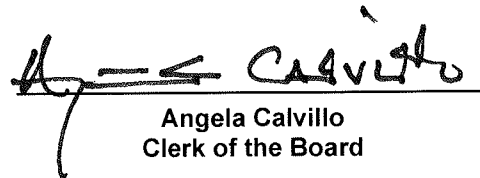
Resolution supporting the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) in opposing disability compensation offset provisions contained in (House of Representatives) H.R. 9237 and (Senate) S. 4744, the proposed Take Care of America's Veterans Act; urging Congress to remove provisions that would reduce or eliminate disability compensation for veterans with service-connected tinnitus and sleep apnea; protecting the Veterans Affairs (VA) workforce and veterans' access to direct VA care; and advancing veterans' benefits without funding them by cutting earned benefits for other veterans.

June 30, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton and Wong

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I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/30/2026 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

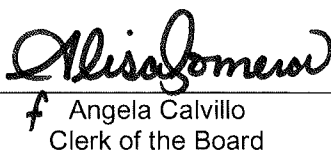
Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

7/10/2026

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

7/10/2026

Date