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November 3, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the United States House of Representatives  
1236 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 458-21

Dear Madame Speaker Pelosi:

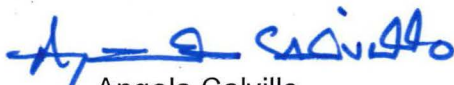
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The Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following document to your attention:

- One copy of Resolution No. 458-21 (File No. 211013)

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](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org).

Sincerely,

  
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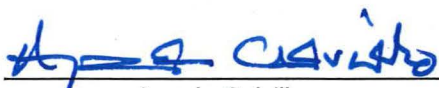
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322 Hart Senate Office Building  
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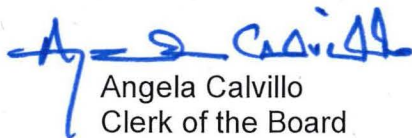
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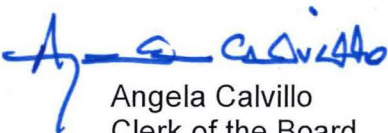
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