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March 19, 2021

Office of the President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 068-21

Dear President Biden:

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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. 068-21 (File No. 210136)

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**Date Passed:** February 09, 2021

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331 Hart Senate Office Building  
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United States Secretary of State  
The White House  
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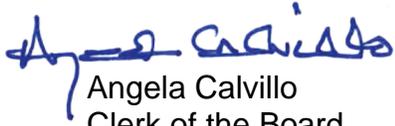
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4 possibility of national reconciliation and a peaceful transition of power; further exacerbating  
5 human rights conditions; and

6 WHEREAS, The United Nations, United Kingdom, European Union, and United States  
7 have publicly denounced the military takeover and called for the release of all political  
8 prisoners; and

9 WHEREAS, San Francisco Bay Area is home to thousands of immigrants and refugees  
10 who fled Burma due to political repression, human rights abuses, and economic instability;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors historically stands in solidarity with international  
13 movements for peace and democracy; and

14 WHEREAS, The civilians of Burma are organizing a national strike and peaceful  
15 uprising to reject the coup; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors stands firmly with the people of in their  
17 pursuit for a fair, just, and sustainable Democratic sovereign government; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls on the Biden-Harris  
19 Administration and the United States Congress to use their powers through policies and  
20 international relationships to leverage pressure on the military to release political prisoners  
21 and to relinquish control; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly urges United States  
23 Federal officials to also call on United States based companies, particularly social media  
24 networks such as Facebook, to take decisive action to condemn the military coup and to  
25 preventing the spread of misinformation and violence; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board  
2 to send this Resolution to U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, the Bay Area  
3 Congressional Delegates, the Office of the Secretary of State, and the Office of the President  
4 of the United States.

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Resolution condemning the military coup in Burma and the detainment of its political leaders; and urging United States federal officials to take swift action to support their release and a peaceful transition to democracy.

February 09, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/9/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Mayor

2/19/21

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 her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo

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Clerk of the Board

02/19/2021

Date