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September 1, 2023

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Board of Directors
1601 Willow Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 409-23

Dear Board Members:

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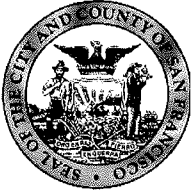
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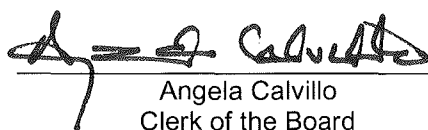
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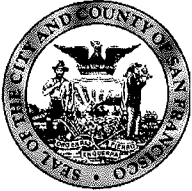
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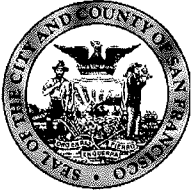
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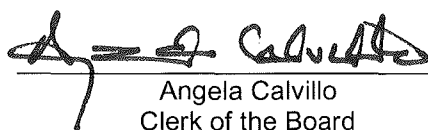
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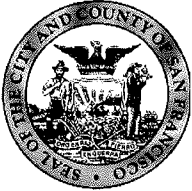
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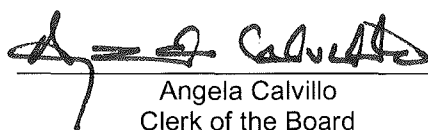
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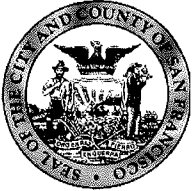
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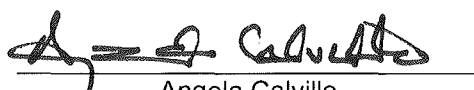
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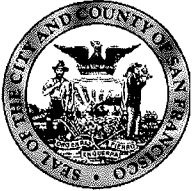
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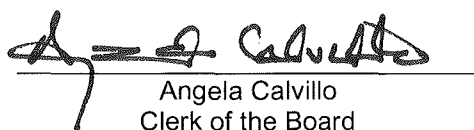
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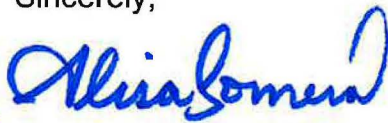
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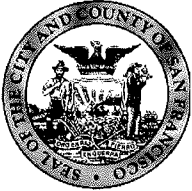
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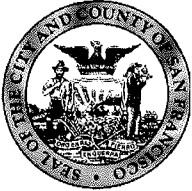
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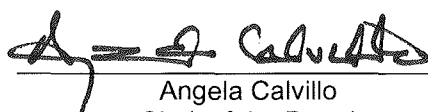
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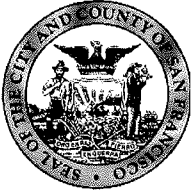
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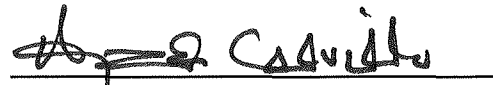
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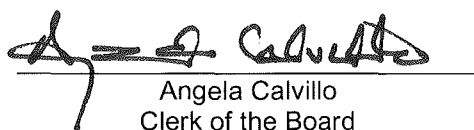
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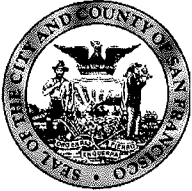
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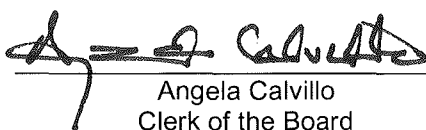
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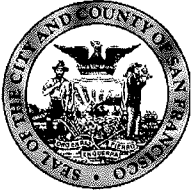
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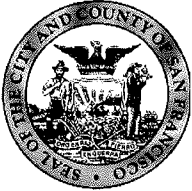
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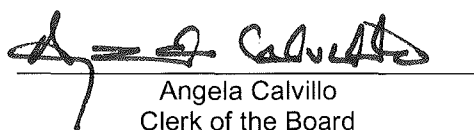
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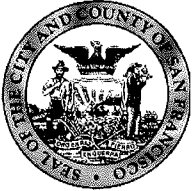
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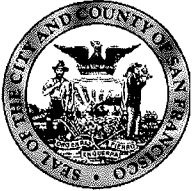
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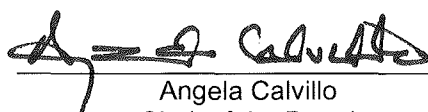
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