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December 3, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of the State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 526-24

Dear Governor Newsom:

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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. 526-24 (File No. 241026)

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Sincerely,


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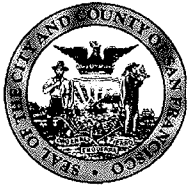
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Senate President Pro Tempore
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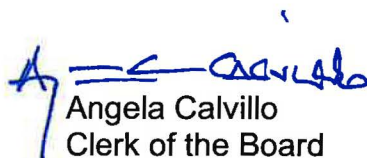
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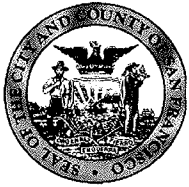
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California State Senator
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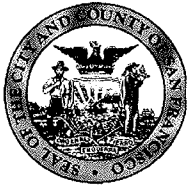
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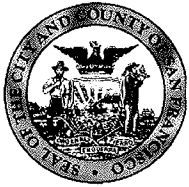
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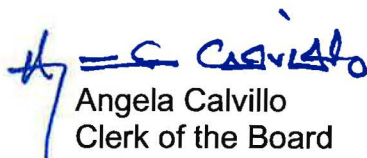
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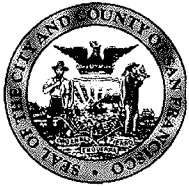
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October 22, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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December 3, 2024

The Honorable Matt Haney
California State Assembly Member
California State Capitol
1021 O Street, Suite 5740
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0017

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 526-24

Dear Assembly Member Haney:


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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. 526-24 (File No. 241026)

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.

Sincerely,


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Clerk of the Board

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- c. Members of the Board of Supervisors; Supervisors Dean Preston, Shamann Walton, Hillary Ronen, Connie Chan, Ahsha Safai, Matt Dorsey, Rafael Mandelman
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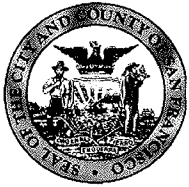
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