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June 16, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of the State of California  
1303-10th Street, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 227-21

Dear Governor Newsom:


On May 11, 2021, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 227-21 (Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 617 (Weiner) - Residential Solar Energy Systems: Permitting), which was enacted on May 21, 2021.

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

- One copy of Resolution No. 227-21 (File No. 210512)

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Sincerely,

  
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## Tails Resolution

**File Number:** 210512

**Date Passed:** May 11, 2021

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May 11, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

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

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California State Capitol, Room 5100  
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California State Assembly Member  
California State Capitol, Room 4112  
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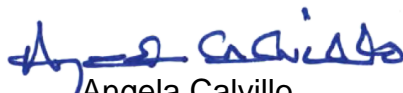
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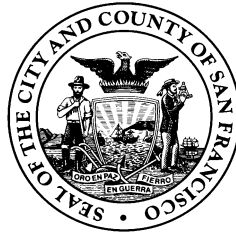
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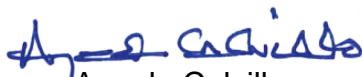
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