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October 9, 2024

Michael Drake  
President, University of California  
Office of the President  
1111 Franklin Street, 12th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94607

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 487-24

Dear President Drake:

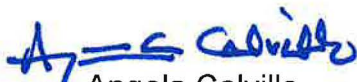
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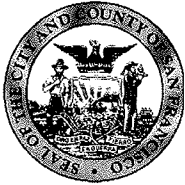
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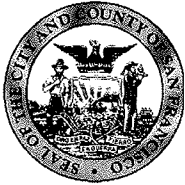
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