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May 20, 2016

Ms. Karen Lange
City Lobbyist - Shaw/Yoder/Antwih. Inc.
1415 L Street, #1000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 187-16

Dear Ms. Lange:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alisa Somera".

for Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

- c. Supervisors Cohen, Kim, Peskin, Campos, Mar, and Tang
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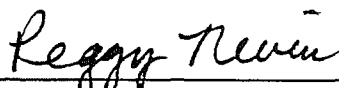
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for Angela Calvillo
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Unsigned
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5/20/16
Date Approved

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Alisa Somera

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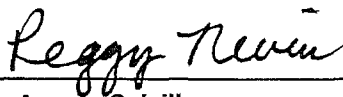
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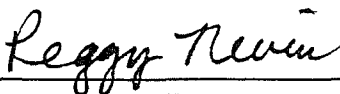
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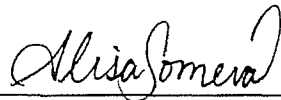


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Carroll, John (BOS)

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Subject: Urging Adequate State-wide Funding for Dependency Counsel - City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors Statement of Position Resolution
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In advance of this coming Monday's California State Assembly consideration of the subject, I am forwarding the attached copy of the Board's enacted resolution.

Expect a copy of the resolution via post next week.

Best to you,

John Carroll

Legislative Clerk


Board of Supervisors

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May 20, 2016

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California State Capitol, Suite 1173
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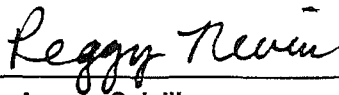
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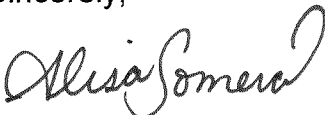
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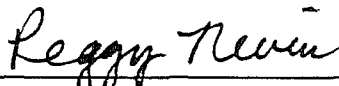
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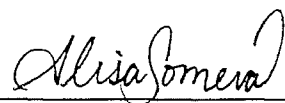


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