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July 15, 2025

The Honorable Scott Wiener  
California State Senator  
California State Capitol  
1021 O Street, Suite 8620  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 309-25

Dear Senator Wiener:


On June 24, 2025, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 309-25 (Urging State Legislators to Allow Local Wealth and Progressive Income Taxes), which was enacted on July 3, 2025.

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Clerk of the Board

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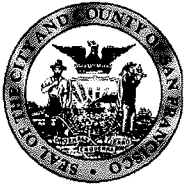
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Clerk of the Board

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Daniel Lurie
Mayor

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

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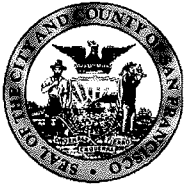
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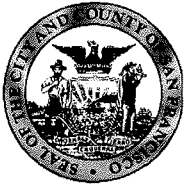
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