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March 19, 2024

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel  
California State Assembly Member  
Chair of the Budget Committee  
California State Capitol  
1021 O Street, Suite 8230  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 097-24

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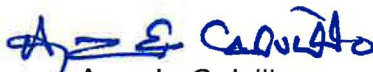
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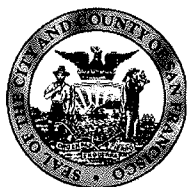
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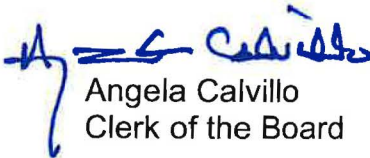
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P.O. Box 942849  
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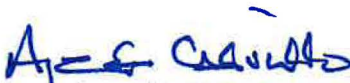
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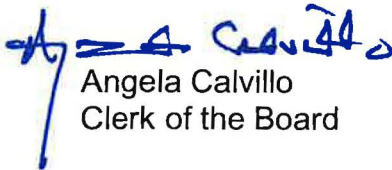
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