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April 13, 2022

Joseph R. Biden, President of United States  
Office of the President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 100-22

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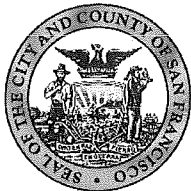
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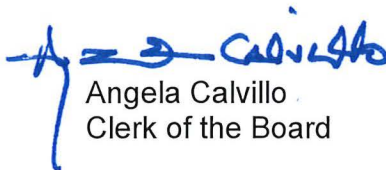
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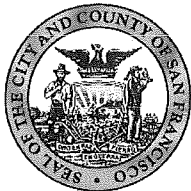
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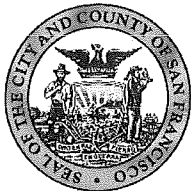
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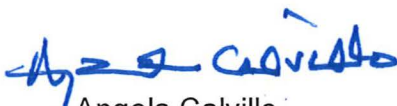
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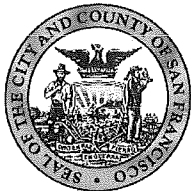
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City Hall  
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**File Number:** 220274

**Date Passed:** March 22, 2022

Resolution urging the Biden Administration to expedite the processing of all eligible Special Immigrant Juvenile visas and to ensure the provision of employment documents for all abused, neglected, or abandoned children and youth.


March 22, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Haney, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

Absent: 1 - Mandelman

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I hereby certify that the foregoing  
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April 13, 2022

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Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 100-22

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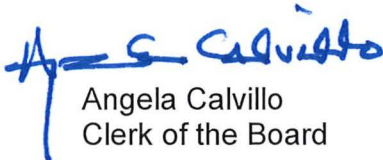
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The Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following document to your attention:

- One copy of Resolution No. 100-22 (File No. 220274)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by e-mail: [board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org).

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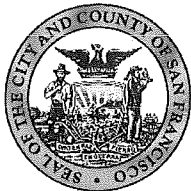
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