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March 13, 2023

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of the State of California
1020 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 67-23

Dear Governor Newsom:

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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. 67-23 (File No. 230142)

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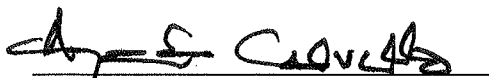
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California State Senator
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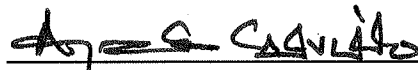
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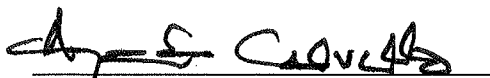
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California State Capitol, Suite 8230
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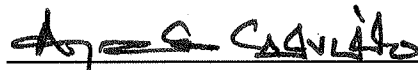
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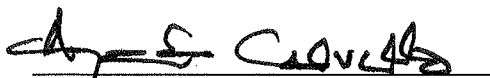
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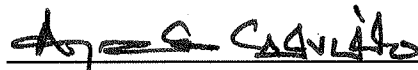
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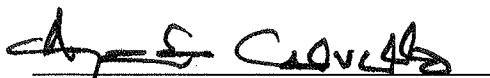
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