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February 11, 2016

Sergeant Rachel Kilshaw  
Secretary, San Francisco Police Commission  
1245 3rd Street  
San Francisco, California 94158

Re: San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 30-16

Dear Sergeant Kilshaw:

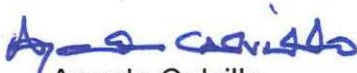
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Sincerely,

  
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# City and County of San Francisco

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### Resolution

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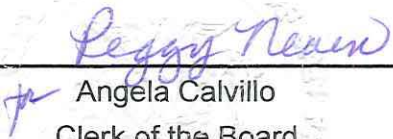
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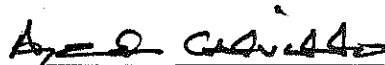
  
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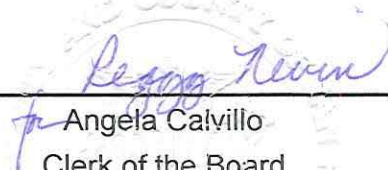
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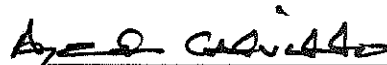
  
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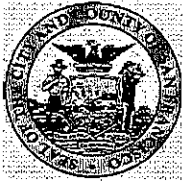
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# City and County of San Francisco

## Tails Resolution

City Hall  
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

**File Number:** 160039

**Date Passed:** January 26, 2016

Resolution affirming the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commitment to police accountability and racial justice in our policing practices; and urging the San Francisco Police Department to review use of force policies and explore other methods of de-escalation and alternatives to the use of force.

January 26, 2016 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE


Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

January 26, 2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 1/26/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Mayor

2/5/16

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

2/5/16  
Date

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February 11, 2016

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
United States House of Representatives  
233 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-0512

Re: San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 30-16

Dear Ms. Pelosi:


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This resolution directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following documents to your attention:

- One copy of Resolution No. 30-16 (File No. 160039)

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).

Sincerely,

  
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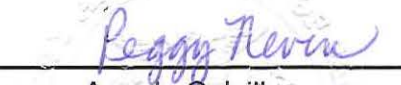
**CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a full, true, and correct copy of the original thereof on file in this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City and County of San Francisco.

February 10, 2016

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Unsigned

Mayor

2/5/16

Date Approved

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February 11, 2016

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United States Senate  
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Washington, D.C. 20510-0504

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February 11, 2016

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United States Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-0505

Re: San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 30-16

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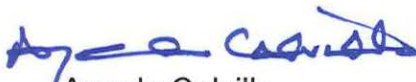
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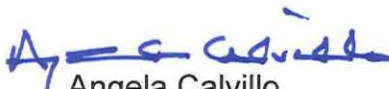
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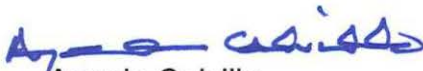
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Sincerely,

  
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Clerk of the Board





**City and County of San Francisco**  
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

**160039 [ Affirming the Board of Supervisors Commitment to Police Accountability and Racial Justice in Our Police Practices ]**

**Sponsors:** Avalos; Farrell and Campos

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1/26/2016 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING

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1/26/2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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2/5/2016 Mayor - RETURNED UNSIGNED

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a full, true, and correct copy of the original thereof on file in this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City and County of San Francisco.

February 10, 2016

Date


  
*Peggy Navin*  
for Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

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# City and County of San Francisco

## Tails Resolution

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**Date Passed:** January 26, 2016

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January 26, 2016 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE


Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

January 26, 2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Mayor

2/5/16

Date Approved

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February 11, 2016

The Honorable President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 30-16

Dear Mr. President:

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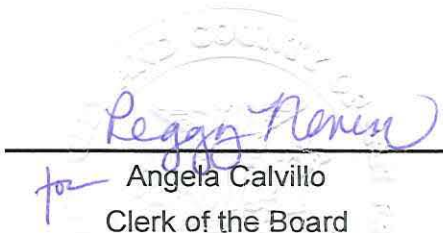
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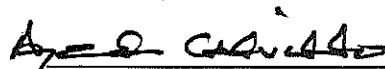
  
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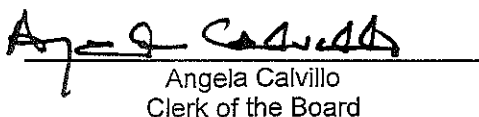
                      
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**Mayor**

                      
**2/5/16**

**Date Approved**

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