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October 15, 2021

The Honorable President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 443-21

Dear President Biden:

On September 21, 2021, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 443-21 (International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances - August 30, 2021), which was enacted on October 1, 2021.

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

- One copy of Resolution No. 443-21 (File No. 210968)

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Sincerely,

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Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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Kamala Harris, Vice President of United States
Office of the Vice President of the United States
The White House
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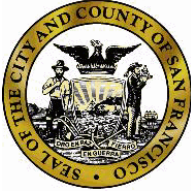
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Speaker of the United States House of Representatives
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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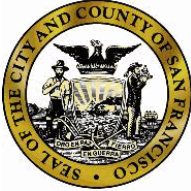
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator
331 Hart Senate Office Building
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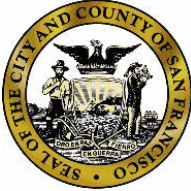
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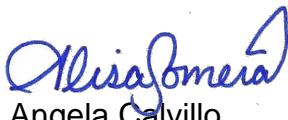
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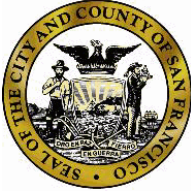
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20 alternating between hope and despair, wondering and waiting, often for years, for news that
21 may never arrive; and

22 WHEREAS, Enforced Disappearances deprive families and communities the right to
23 know the truth about their loved ones, and deny justice and reparation as impunity
24 compounds the anguish and trauma; and
25

1 WHEREAS, Enforced Disappearance is not an issue of the past, but an appalling
2 strategy and human rights violation used across the world as a method of repression, terror,
3 and stifling dissent; and

4 WHEREAS, Families and societies deserve the right to know the truth about what
5 happened to their loved ones in order to heal and find peace from the decades of torture
6 caused by burying truths with impunity; and

7 WHEREAS, The United Nations declared Enforced Disappearance a crime against
8 humanity in its 1992 Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced
9 Disappearance and established a Committee and Working Group on Enforced
10 Disappearances; and

11 WHEREAS, El Salvador's National Assembly and President have not ratified the
12 United Nations International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced
13 Disappearance; and

14 WHEREAS, The act of remembrance honors and dignifies the victims, their families,
15 and devastated communities, and constructs bridges to transmit historical memory to younger
16 generations of Salvadoran Americans; and

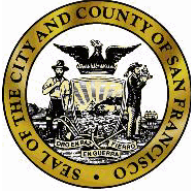
17 WHEREAS, Mothers and relatives of the disappeared in El Salvador and abroad have
18 not given up the search for the truth of the experiences and whereabouts of their loved ones,
19 demanding that the Salvadoran National Assembly recognize and enact the International Day
20 of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances, 30 August; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares August 30th as the International
22 Day of the Victims Enforced Disappearances in the City and County of San Francisco; and

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors observes the International Day
24 of the Victims Enforced Disappearances annually with a special tribute to Salvadorans in the
25 United States and, specifically, in San Francisco; and

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls on the Salvadoran
2 National Assembly to recognize and declare August 30 The International Day of the Victims of
3 Enforced Disappearances, and requests that President Biden declassify U.S. records that
4 relate to disappearances and other human rights violations that took place during the civil war;
5 and

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
7 Francisco further directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to the
8 President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives, and to the U.S. Senators for the State of California upon passage.



City and County of San Francisco

Tails Resolution

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Resolution retroactively declaring August 30 as International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances, and observing this date every year thereafter, and condemning enforced disappearances in El Salvador.

September 21, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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**I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 9/21/2021 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.**

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

10/1/2021

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 her 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

10/01/2021

Date