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Budget and Finance Committee, San Francisco Board of Supervisors

The Honorable Hillary Ronen, Chairperson

The Honorable Ahsha Safai, Supervisor, District 11

The Honorable Connie Chan, Supervisor, District 1

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Re: **September 21 Agenda Items #4 and 5: LHH Contracts —
Tryfacta, Inc. and Health Services Advisory Group, Inc. (HSAG)**

Dear Chairperson Ronen and Budget and Finance Committee Members,

I strongly urge the Budget and Finance Committee to accept the Budget and Legislative Analyst's (BLA) recommendation **not** to grant the Department of Public Health authority to extend the Tryfacta contract for LHH from \$3.5 million to \$10 million and **not** to extend the HSAG contract for LHH from the \$6,989,564 on Contract Amendment #1 to \$10 million, and to accept the BLA's recommendation **not** to extend either of the two contracts 10-year terms. Accepting the BLA's recommendations will save \$9.51 million from these two contracts.

In addition, I believe the Department of Public Health should rescind its request on a third contract with Health Management Associates (HMA) for LHH to extend HMA's contract from \$3,782,365 to \$10 million, which would save an additional \$6,217,635. SFDPH should also withdraw its request to extend the HMA contract to a period of ten years.

Reducing each of the three contracts from \$10 million each to their respective lower contract amounts would save the City a combined \$15.73 million.

These savings could be better used to expedite recruitment efforts to hire a Nursing Home Administrator and an Assistant Nursing Home Administrator for Laguna Honda Hospital and to rapidly bring both new hires on board.

Please support these two agenda items this week with a favorable recommendation to the full Board of Supervisors, and consider a positive recommendation to reduce the HMA contract amount and contract term when it comes before the Budget and Finance Committee in coming weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

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Columnist

Westside Observer Newspaper

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The Honorable Aaron Peskin, Supervisor, District 3
The Honorable Gordon Mar, Supervisor, District 4
The Honorable Dean Preston, Supervisor, District 5
The Honorable Matt Dorsey, Supervisor, District 6
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