

1 [Settlement of Lawsuit - Alfred Coutts - \$190,000]

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3 **Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Alfred Coutts against the City**
4 **and County of San Francisco for \$190,000; the lawsuit was filed on May 14, 2020, in San**
5 **Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-20-584459; entitled Alfred Coutts, et al. v. City**
6 **and County of San Francisco, et. al.; the lawsuit involves allegations of negligence,**
7 **dependent adult neglect/abuse, and violations of the Patient’s Bill of Rights concerning**
8 **Mr. Coutts’ care at Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center.**

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10 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

11 Section 1. Pursuant to Charter Section 6.102(5), the Board of Supervisors hereby
12 authorizes the City Attorney to settle the action entitled Alfred Coutts, et al. v. City and County
13 of San Francisco, et. al., San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-20-584459 by the
14 payment of \$190,000. The lawsuit involves allegations of negligence, dependent adult
15 neglect/abuse, and violations of the Patient’s Bill of Rights concerning Mr. Coutts’ care at
16 Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center.

17 Section 2. The above-named action was filed in San Francisco Superior Court on
18 May 14, 2020, and the following parties were named in the lawsuit: Plaintiff Alfred Coutts,
19 Guardian Ad Litem Charles Jonas, Defendants City and County of San Francisco, Laguna
20 Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

/s/
DR. GRANT COLFAX
Director of Health

RECOMMENDED:

/s/
MARK MOREWITZ
Secretary, Health Commission

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