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Date: January 11, 2024  
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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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RECOMMENDED:

DAVID CHIU  
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James F. Hannawalt  
JAMES F. HANNAWALT  
Acting Chief Trial Deputy

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

/s/ Michelle Allersma for Ben Rosenfield  
BEN ROSENFELD  
Controller

RECOMMENDED:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

/s/  
DR. GRANT COLFAX  
Director of Health

RECOMMENDED:

/s/  
MARK MOREWITZ  
Secretary, Health Commission

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