

1 [Settlement of Lawsuit - Families First, Inc. - City to Receive \$189,884.63]

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3 **Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed on behalf of the City and County**
4 **of San Francisco and five other counties against Families First, Inc. (aka EMQ Families**
5 **First, Inc. and Uplift Family Services) for \$189,884.63; the lawsuit was filed on**
6 **July 22, 2014, in Alameda County Superior Court, Case No. RG14733912; entitled State**
7 **of California, County of Alameda, County of Sacramento, County of San Francisco,**
8 **County of Contra Costa, County of Sonoma, and County of Yolo ex rel. Helen Haeri Kim**
9 **and Lisa Little Villela v. Families First, Inc.; the lawsuit involves allegations by two**
10 **former employees of Families First's Davis residential facility that Families First failed**
11 **to provide adequate Day Treatment Intensive mental health services, failed to utilize**
12 **qualified personnel, and falsely certified that it was complying with Medi-Cal**
13 **regulations in providing such services when it billed San Francisco and the other**
14 **counties for them.**

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

17 Section 1. Pursuant to Charter Section 6.102(5), the Board of Supervisors hereby
18 authorizes the City Attorney to settle the action entitled State of California, County of
19 Alameda, County of Sacramento, County of San Francisco, County of Contra Costa, County
20 of Sonoma, and County of Yolo ex rel. Helen Haeri Kim and Lisa Little Villela v. Families First,
21 Inc., Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG14733912, by the payment of \$189,884.63
22 by Families First, Inc. The lawsuit involves allegations that Families First failed to provide
23 adequate Day Treatment Intensive mental health services, failed to utilize qualified personnel,
24 and falsely certified that it was complying with Medi-Cal regulations in providing such services
25 when it billed San Francisco and the other counties for them.

1 Section 2. The above-named action was filed in Alameda County Superior Court on
2 July 22, 2014, and the following parties were named in the lawsuit: The State of California,
3 and the Counties of Alameda, Sacramento, San Francisco, Contra Costa, Sonoma, and Yolo,
4 as plaintiffs; Helen Haeri Kim and Lisa Little Villela, as qui tam plaintiffs; and Families First
5 Inc. as defendant.

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7 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
RECOMMENDED:

8 DENNIS J. HERRERA
9 City Attorney

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11 YVONNE R. MERÉ
Chief of Complex and Affirmative Litigation

RECOMMENDED:

DEPARMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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13 GRANT COLFAX, M.D.
14 Director

APPROVED:

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16 Mark Morewitz
17 Secretary, SF Health Commission

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