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The Costs Below Continue to Rise

## March 2024 Primary Election Recommendations

### You Gotta' Laugh ... To Keep From Crying

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I updated this table in mid-December, but haven't written another extended article on this yet. The data is accurate, supported by public records made available under CPRA and San Francisco's Sunshine Ordinance records requests.

I'll try to write an extended about this soon ... but have been ill.

**Table 1: Summary of Costs to Rescue Laguna Honda Hospital**

Description	Total Amount
1 Consultant Contracts Awarded and/or Approved	\$ 40,393,281
2 Lost Medi-Cal Revenue	\$ 22,300,000
3 State and Federal Fines, Penalties, and Lawsuit Expenses	\$ 5,050,171
4 Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 11,737,301
5 Behavioral Health Response Team "Contraband"	\$ 4,335,402
6 LHH Facility "Emergency Repair" Costs	\$ 37,364,847
<b>Costs to Date Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$121,181,002</b>
7 Authorized "Personal Service Contracts" Remaining	\$ 8,077,863
<b>Potential Costs Total:</b>	<b>\$129,258,865</b>

Source: Various SFDPH and Other City Public Records. Revised: **September 15, 2023**

The mounting costs to San Francisco and San Franciscans are primarily due to the failure of San Francisco's "**governing body**" — the Health Commission — as detailed in a new *Westside Observer* [article](#) by Dr. Derek Kerr and Dr. Maria Rivero published today on February 22, 2024. Their article is "**must**" reading.

I appreciate the shout-out the authors gave to me, but research and articles regarding the costs of the LHH fiasco long ago surpassed currently \$30.6 million.

The July 14, 2023 [Part 1](#) of my two-part series reported LHH's mismanagement costs had reaches \$64.1 million. By July 31, 2023 my [Part 2](#) article revealed those costs had inched up to \$64.9 million.

But my ongoing research has revealed that those costs had climbed to between \$121.1 million to \$129.3 million by September 15, 2023 shown in the updated chart below I posted today on-line on July 22, 2024. Although Kerr and Rivero reported on the \$2.2 million settlement for the lawsuit brought by the Public Guardian's Office and Public Conservator's Office that the Board of Supervisors approved at the end of June, here it is now eight months later and the City Attorney's Office continues to assert that it can't release the time and expenses incurred by the City Attorney staff, apparently because the Plaintiff's counsel have not returned signed "**release forms**" yet to officially close out that case (Superior Court Case # CGC-21-592296).

It's not yet known if those lawyers haven't return the signed release forms yet, because they are the same lawyers from the two or three law firms handling the *Tommy Thompson et al.* potential class action lawsuit (Superior Court Case # CPF-20-517064) first filed in Court four years ago on March 24, 2020. I predict that the City Attorney's time and expenses in both lawsuits over the past four years will probably involve \$2 million to \$5 million more, even before we learn what the Court will award as a settlement to the Plaintiff's in the *Tommy Thompson et al.* case, a settlement that will likely be at least \$2 million, if not substantially higher.

This delayed justice is obviously no justice at all!

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