



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**

County Manager's Office

**DATE:** March 28, 2007  
**BOARD MEETING DATE:** April 10, 2007  
**SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING:** None  
**VOTE REQUIRED:** Majority

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** John L. Maltbie, County Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of \$35,000 Bequest from the Earl W. Bettis Testamentary Trust

**Recommendation**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Board to accept a bequest of \$35,000 provided for in the testamentary trust created under the will of Earl W. Bettis.

**VISION ALIGNMENT:**

**Commitment:** Realize the potential of our diverse population.

**Goal 2:** Civic engagement—including voting, public service, charitable giving, volunteerism and participation in public discussions of important issues—is uniformly high among the diverse population.

The generous bequest on behalf of Mr. Bettis contributes to the goal by providing funds that will be used to improve the quality of life for the residents and visitors of San Mateo County.

**Background and Discussion:**

Administrative Memorandum B-3 requires that any bequest having a value of more than \$2,500 shall be acknowledged in writing by the department head and referred to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance or rejection. According to the Executor of the Earl W. Bettis Trust, Mr. Bettis hadn't set forth any boundaries or limitations on the use of the funds by the County. As such, the County Manager recommends that the bequest be deposited into Non-Departmental Services.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Since there are no conditions or stipulations regarding the bequest, General Fund Reserves will increase by \$35,000 as a result of this action.



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Hon. Edward W. Pliska  
(1935-2006)  
Xenophon Tragoutsis (Ret.)

March 21, 2007

Office of the County Manager  
County of San Mateo  
ATTN: Jim Saco  
400 County Center, 1st Floor  
Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: Distribution from Earl W. Bettis Testamentary Trust

Dear Mr. Saco:

We are pleased to enclose the distribution to the County of San Mateo in the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) provided for in the testamentary trust created under the will of Earl W. Bettis. We were advised by Paul Okata of the County Counsel's office to send the distribution to your attention. As I told Mr. Okata, we are uncertain as to the exact motivation for Mr. Bettis' gift to the County.

Also enclosed, please find a *Receipt on Distribution* for signature by an authorized representative of the County of San Mateo. Please sign where indicated and return the receipt to us in the enclosed envelope. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Edward A. Daniels

Enclosures:      1) Check No. 1211 in the amount of \$35,000.00;  
                         2) Receipt on Distribution;  
                         3) Return envelope.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A BEQUEST OF \$35,000  
PROVIDED FOR IN THE TESTAMENTARY TRUST CREATED UNDER  
THE WILL OF EARL W. BETTIS**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, it was stipulated in the will of Earl W. Bettis that the generous sum of \$35,000 be bequeathed to the County of San Mateo; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bettis hasn't set forth any boundaries or limitations on the use of the funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the County provides many valuable services for which these funds can be used;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED**, that the President of the Board is hereby authorized to accept a bequest of \$35,000 provided for in the testamentary trust created under the will of Earl W. Bettis and posthumously thanks Mr. Bettis for this generous donation.

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9 COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

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12 TESTAMENTARY TRUST UNDER THE  
WILL OF

13 EARL W. BETTIS aka EARL  
14 WILLIAM BETTIS,

15 Deceased.

CASE NO. 106423

**RECEIPT ON DISTRIBUTION OF  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**

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17 The undersigned, as the authorized representative of the COUNTY OF SAN MATEO,  
18 hereby acknowledges receipt of the sum of Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) from  
19 ANDREW MOLINARI, as Trustee of the above named Trust, as a distribution from the above  
20 named Trust.

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22 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

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24 By: \_\_\_\_\_

25 Printed Name and Title  
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