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STATEMENT ON THE USE OF RACIALLY OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE IN COURT PROCEEDINGS

The San Francisco Superior Court recognizes the historical significance of the n-word and the harm it carries in any context or circumstance. While an accurate record is essential, it is equally important to exercise reasonable discretion, even where no ethical or statutory violation has been found. The Court is committed to using alternative language when this word arises in court proceedings. Judge Harry M. Dorfman has agreed to proceed in this manner in the future.

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