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ORDER OF DETERMINATION December 23, 2015

DATE ORDER ISSUED December 2, 2015

CASE TITLE – Michael Petrelis V. President London Breed, Board of Supervisors (File No. 15067)

FACTS OF THE CASE

On May 5, 2015, Michael Petrelis (Complainant) made a complaint alleging that President London Breed, Board of Supervisors, violated Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Sections 67.21 and 67.25, by failing to respond to a request for public records in a timely and/or complete manner.

HEARING ON THE COMPLAINT

On August 18, 2015, the Compliance and Amendments Committee (Committee) held a hearing to review the complaint. The matter was continued to the call of the Chair.

On October 20, 2015, the Committee heard the matter.

Michael Petrelis (Complainant) provided a summary of the complaint and requested the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (SOTF) to find violation. Conor Johnston and Iris Wong, Legislative Aides to President London Breed (Respondent) presented President London Breed's position that the request was overly broad.

Member Pilpel, seconded by Chair Hepner, moved to refer the matter to the SOTF December 2, 2015, meeting with the recommendation to find a violation of Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Sections 67.21 and 67.25(a), for failure to respond to an Immediate Disclosure Request in a timely manner and/or complete manner.

The Committee requested that the Respondent provide all of President Breed's outgoing emails for the period of March 1, 2015, through March 7, 2015. In addition, the Committee suggested that the Respondent track the workload created by the request for emails for 1 week to determine if the Rule of Reason is applicable.

On December 2, 2015, the SOTF reviewed the recommendation of the Committee. Mr. Petrelis provided an update on the complaint and the response provided by the Respondent.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the SOTF finds that a violation of Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Sections 67.21 and 67.25(a) occurred.

DECISION AND ORDER OF DETERMINATION

The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force accepts the recommendation of the Compliance and Amendments Committee to find that President London Breed, Board of Supervisors, violated Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Sections 67.21 and 67.25(a), by failing to respond to an Immediate Disclosure Request in a timely manner and complete manner.

This Order of Determination was adopted by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force on December 2, 2015, by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Rumold, Eldon, Wolf, Pilpel, Fischer, Hinze, Hyland, Washburn

Noes: 0 - None

Absent: 3 - Chopra, Hepner, Haines

Allyson Washburn, Chair

Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

c. Jerry Threet, Deputy City Attorney
Michael Petrelis, Complainant
Conor Johnson, Aide to President Breed
Iris Wong, Aide to President Breed
President London Breed, Board of Supervisors