



SUNSHINE ORDINANCE TASK FORCE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

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Public Comment Call-in:

1 (415) 655-0001 / Meeting ID: 2499 585 0242 # #
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December 7, 2022 - 4:00 PM

Seat 1	Dean Schmidt	Seat 7	Matthew Yankee - Chair
Seat 2	Lila LaHood	Seat 8	Chris Hyland
Seat 3	Vacant	Seat 9	Vacant
Seat 4	Jaya Padmanabhan	Seat 10	Thuan Thao Hill
Seat 5	Jennifer Wong - Vice-Chair	Seat 11	Bruce Wolfe
Seat 6	Laura Stein		

Ex-officio (non-voting) Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or his or her designee
Ex-officio (non-voting) Mayor or his or her designee

Remote Access to Information and Participation

In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order No. N-33-20 declaring a State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and Mayor London N. Breed's Proclamation declaring a Local Emergency issued on February 25, 2020, including the guidance for gatherings issued by the San Francisco Department of Public Health Officer, aggressive directives were issued to reduce the spread of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors authorized their Board and Committee meetings to convene remotely (via Microsoft Teams) and will allow remote public comment via teleconference.

Members of the public may participate by phone or may submit their comments by email to: sotf@sfgov.org; all comments received will be made a part of the official record. Sunshine Ordinance Task Force agendas and their associated documents are available at <https://sfbos.org/sunshine>.

As the COVID-19 disease progresses, please visit the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force website regularly to be updated on the current situation as it affects the legislative process.

Meeting Decorum: Any member of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force may call for decorum due to disorderly conduct of meeting participants. Persons who engage in threatening and/or menacing behavior may be asked to leave.

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND AGENDA CHANGES.**

1A. **FINDINGS TO ALLOW TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e).**

The Task Force is expected to consider a motion setting forth findings required under Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361) that would allow the committee to hold the meeting remotely according to the modified Brown Act teleconferencing set forth in AB 361. (*Discussion and Action*) ([attachments](#))

2. **Approval of the minutes from the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Regular Meeting of November 2, 2022.** (*Discussion and Action*) ([attachments](#))

3. **Approval of the Order of Determinations: November 2, 2022, Actions – File Nos. 22030, 21148, and 21086** (*Discussion and Action*) ([attachments](#))

4. **File No. 22143: Annual Supervisor of Records Report from City Attorney:** Review and potential acceptance of the annual report. (*Discussion and Action*)

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5. **Administrator’s Report, Complaints and Communications.** (*Discussion and Action*) ([attachments](#))

- Task Force and Committee tentative hearing schedule
- Complaints submitted and hearing files created
- Public Communications
- Complaint Committee minutes
- Record of emails received

6. **A. Complaints Involving the SOTF:** Development of procedures for handling a pending complaint naming a committee of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force as the respondent, and potential consideration of standing procedures when an SOTF committee is named as a party to a complaint. (*Discussion and Action*)

B. Complaints Involving the SOTF: Development of procedures for handling a pending complaint naming the entire Sunshine Ordinance Task Force as the respondent, and potential consideration of standing procedures when the entire SOTF is named as a party to a complaint. (*Discussion and Action*)

7. **Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (SOTF) on matters that are within SOTF's jurisdiction, but not on today's agenda. (*No Action*). **Public comment shall be taken at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible.**

NOTE: Hearings on complaints and other agenda items listed below will begin no earlier than 5:00 P.M.

8. **File No. 22014:** Complaint filed by Sergei Severinov against Lt. Lynn Reilly and the Police Department for allegedly violating Administrator Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21(b), by failing to respond to a public records request in a timely and/or complete manner. (*attachments*)
(*On October 25, 2022, the Compliance and Amendments Committee returned this item back to the SOTF for full consideration and noted the following three concerns: 1) the respondent did not appear at the Compliance and Amendments Committee hearing which violates 67.21(e); 2) the SFPD in their supplemental response dated September 13, 2022, narrows the scope of the records request instead of performing a broader search for records; and 3) the SFPD stated that they were able to locate the responsive information instead of providing responsive documents and referred the petitioner to the Department of Emergency Management to obtain those responsive records; and suggested that the SOTF consider enforcement mechanisms for full compliance.*)

- a) Hearing on the complaint with potential consideration of jurisdiction, alleged violations, and enforcement actions. (*Discussion and Action*)

9. **File No. 22021: Hearing Regarding Request for Reconsideration of Complaint No. 21101:** Complaint filed by Liza Murawski against the Department of Public Health for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.15 and 67.21, by failing to provide meeting minutes upon request and failing to respond to a public records request in a timely and/or complete manner. (*attachments*)
(*On March 2, 2022, the Sunshine Task Force found no violations against Conard House, or any individual named at the Department of Public Health.*)

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- a) Hearing on the complaint to consider a request to grant reconsideration.
(*Discussion and Action*)

10. **File No. 21126:** Complaint filed by Stiliyan Bezhanski against Debra Lew and the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTX) for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.24, 67.25, 67.26, 67.27, and 67.29, by failing to respond to an Immediate Disclosure Request in a timely and/or complete manner, failing to keep withholdings to a minimum, failing to provide justification for withholdings, and failing to provide an index of records. (*attachments*)
(On November 11, 2021, the Complaint Committee found that the SOTF has jurisdiction, that the requested records are public and referred the matter to the SOTF for hearing and with a request to consider a violation of Government Code 6253(c) and to remove the violations 67.24, 67.25, 67.26, 67.27 and 67.29 from the complaint.)
- a) Hearing on the complaint with potential consideration of jurisdiction, alleged violations, and enforcement actions. (*Discussion and Action*)
11. **File No. 22084:** Complaint filed by Stiliyan Bezhanski against Debra Lew and the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21 and 67.25, and California Government Code, Section(s) 6253(c), by failing to respond to an Immediate Disclosure Request in a timely and/or complete manner. (*attachments*)
(On August 16, 2022, the Complaint Committee moved to find that the SOTF has jurisdiction, find that the requested records are public and to refer the matter to the SOTF for hearing with the recommendation that there is no violation.)
- a) Hearing on the complaint with potential consideration of jurisdiction, alleged violations, and enforcement actions. (*Discussion and Action*)
12. **2022 Annual Report:** Discussion and potential action on the process and scope of an annual report, and determination of the Annual Report Ad Hoc Committee membership and meeting process. (*Discussion and Action*) (*attachments*)
(On October 11, 2022, the Rules Committee directed Member Stein to form an Annual Report Ad Hoc Committee composed of less than a quorum of members of the full SOTF, with the charge of developing the process for completing and disseminating a 2022 Annual Report and accompanying press release for distribution to the BOS, the general public, and local media no later than January 31, 2023. On November 2, 2022, the full SOTF officially formed an Annual Report ad hoc committee, named Member Stein as the Chair, and continued the annual report discussion to the December SOTF meeting.)

Related documents may be viewed online here:

Annual Report Proposal: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1U9eNxHBWRfvUpBJdo514Ao4C1EpGNYjj/edit?usp=sharing&oid=105519330310899598939&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Annual Report Tasks (Proposed): <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nPMmaLzZJHfJkvbuw5zhWi7nvn63fyY/edit?usp=sharing&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Members of the public may submit their comments and feedback directly to LStein.sotf@gmail.com, as well as in appropriate public comment periods during Sunshine Ordinance Task Force meetings.)

13. **Announcements, Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items by Members of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.** *(Discussion and Action)*
(Note: Public Comment on this item is limited to subject matters presented by members of the SOTF.)

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force was established by the San Francisco Administrative Code, Chapter 67. The purpose of the Task Force is to protect the public's interest in open government and to carry out the duties enumerated in Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code. For additional information concerning Sunshine Ordinance Task Force please contact the Task Force by e-mail sotf@sfgov.org or by calling (415) 554-7724.

Agenda Item Information

Each item on the agenda may include the following documents:

- 1) Department or Agency cover letter and/or report;
- 2) Public correspondence;
- 3) Other explanatory documents.

These items will be available for review at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, Reception Desk.

Meeting Procedures

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| 1. | Complainant presents his/her facts and evidence | 5 minutes |
| | Other parties of Complainant present facts and evidence | Up to 3 minutes each |
| 2. | City responds | 5 minutes |
| | Other parties of City respond | Up to 3 minutes each |
| | <i>Above total speaking times for Complainant and City to be the same.</i> | |
| 3. | Matter is with the Task Force for discussion and questions. | |
| 4. | Respondent and Complainant presents clarification/rebuttal | 3 minutes |
| 5. | Matter is with the Task Force for motion and deliberation. | |
| 6. | Public comment (Excluding Complainant & City response, witnesses) | Up to 3 minutes each |
| 7. | Vote by Task Force (Public comment at discretion of chair on new motion and/or on new motion if vote fails.) | |

Public Comment will be taken before or during the Committee's consideration of each agenda item. Speakers may address the Task Force for up to three minutes on that item. During General Public Comment, members of the public may address the Task Force on matters that are within the Task Force's jurisdiction and are not on the agenda. Any person speaking during a public comment period may supply a brief written summary of their comments, which shall, if no more than 150 words, be included in the official file.

Each member of the public will be allotted the same maximum number of minutes to speak as set by the Chair at the beginning of each item, excluding persons requested by the Task Force to make presentations, except that public speakers using interpretation assistance will be allowed to testify for twice the amount of the public testimony time limit. If simultaneous interpretation services are used, speakers will be governed by the public testimony time limit applied to speakers not requesting interpretation assistance.

Each member of the public who is unable to attend the public meeting or hearing may submit to the City, by the time the hearing begins, written comments regarding the agenda items. These

comments will be made a part of the official public record. Written communications should be submitted to the SOTF at:

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco CA 94102.

AGENDA PACKET: Available for review in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, or on the internet at: <http://www.sfbos.org/sunshine>.

AUDIO RECORDINGS: Audio recordings of the meeting of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force are available at: <http://www.sfbos.org/sunshine>.

LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS: Requests must be received at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to help ensure availability. Contact Wilson Ng at (415) 554-7725.

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The following services are available on request 48 hours prior to the meeting; except for Monday meetings, for which the deadline shall be 4:00 p.m. of the last business day of the preceding week: For American sign language interpreters or the use of a reader during a meeting, a sound enhancement system, and/or alternative formats of the agenda and minutes, please contact the SOTF Clerk at (415) 554-7724 to make arrangements for the accommodation. Late requests will be honored, if possible.

In order to assist the City's efforts to accommodate persons with severe allergies, environmental illnesses, multiple chemical sensitivity or related disabilities, attendees at public meetings are reminded that other attendees may be sensitive to various chemical based products. Please help the City accommodate these individuals.

Know Your Rights Under the Sunshine Ordinance

Government's duty is to serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions, boards, councils, and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review.

For more information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance (San Francisco Administrative Code, Chapter 67) or to report a violation of the ordinance, contact: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102; phone (415) 554-7724; fax (415) 554-5163; or email sotf@sfgov.org.

Citizens may obtain a free copy of the Sunshine Ordinance by printing the San Francisco Administrative Code, Chapter 67 on the Internet at <http://www.sfbos.org/sunshine>.

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The ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the Chair may order the removal from the meeting room of any person(s) responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices (Chapter 67A of the San Francisco Administrative Code).

Ethics Requirements

Individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [SF Campaign & Governmental Conduct Code, Section 2.100] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the Ethics Commission at: 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, San Francisco, CA 94102; telephone (415) 581-3100; fax (415) 252-3112; web site www.sfgov.org/ethics

Under Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 1.127, no person or entity with a financial interest in a land use matter pending before the Board of Appeals, Board of Supervisors, Building Inspection Commission, Commission on Community Investment and Infrastructure, Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission, Port Commission, or the Treasure Island Development Authority Board of Directors, may make a campaign contribution to a member of the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the City Attorney, or a candidate for any of those offices, from the date the land use matter commenced until 12 months after the board or commission has made a final decision, or any appeal to another City agency from that decision has been resolved. For more information about this restriction, visit sfethics.org.