



**SUNSHINE ORDINANCE TASK FORCE
Compliance and Amendments Committee
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
AGENDA**

REMOTE MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

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Public Comment Call-in:

1 (415) 655-0001 / Meeting ID: 2482 983 5101 # #

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October 25, 2022 - 4:30 PM

Members: Lila LaHood (Chair), Jennifer Wong and Laurie Jones Neighbors

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 videoconference.

Members of the public may participate by phone or may submit their comments by email to: Cheryl.Leger@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.**
2. **Approval of the August 23, 2022, Compliance and Amendments Committee meeting minutes.** (*Discussion and action*) (*attachments*)
3. **Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Committee on matters that are within the Committee's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda. (*No Action*)
4. **File No. 21124:** Complaint filed by Marc Norton against the Department of Public Health (DPH) for violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21 by failing to provide guidance on locating records; 67.25 by failing to respond to an Immediate Disclosure Request in a timely manner; 67.26 by failing to keep withholding to a minimum and 67.27 by failing to provide justification for withholding. (*attachments*)
(On August 23, 2022, the Compliance and Amendments Committee moved to request a clear index of records for records that were provided to Mr. Norton by the Department of Public Health at or before his original request. It was also requested that any redactions for those records be keyed and would like to see that within 10 business days, on or before September 8, 2022. The index should also include a record of which the title has been redacted, an explanation of why it is redacted is requested.)
 - a) Hearing on the complaint. (*Discussion and Action*)
5. **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 September 7, 2022, the SOTF ordered the Police Department to provide more extensive assistance in locating the requested records and further orders the Police Department to provide a justification or location of the existence of records for each of the 25 separate requests in the Complainant's overall request. The SOTF referred the matter to the Compliance and Amendments Committee for monitoring.)
 - a) Hearing on the complaint. (*Discussion and Action*)

6. **File No. 22012:** Complaint filed by Anonymous (SFT) against Director Grant Colfax and the Department of Public Health for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21, by failing to respond to a public records request in a timely and/or complete manner. (*attachments*)

*Revised 10/21/22

(On September 7, 2022, the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force moved to find that Grant Colfax and the Department of Public Health violated, Administrative Codes, Sunshine Ordinance, Sections 67.21(b) by failing to provide records in a complete manner and 67.26 for not keeping withholding to a minimum, and order Director Grant Colfax and Department of Public Health to continue to turn over requested records and forward to the Compliance and Amendments Committee for continued monitoring.

- a) Hearing on the complaint. (*Discussion and Action*)

7. **File No. 21153:** Complaint filed by Anonymous (ARE) against Dennis Herrera for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.29-5(a), by failing to keep or cause to be kept a calendar with certain minimum information about his business meeting, and to disclose them as public records and willful failure to discharge any duties imposed by the Sunshine Ordinance, Brown Act or the Public Records Act and 67.34 willful violation constituting official misconduct. (*attachments*)

*Revised 10/20/22

(On September 7, 2022, the SOTF moved to find that Dennis Herrera violated Administrative Code, Sunshine Ordinance, Section(s) 67.29-5(a) by failing to keep calendars or providing calendars in a timely manner and that such calendars shall be public records and shall be available to any requester 3 business days subsequent to the calendar date and to find a violation of 67.34 for continued willful failure to not provide the requested calendar entries.)

- a) Hearing on the complaint. (*Discussion and Action*)

8. **File No. 22092:** Hearing to review the Behavioral Health Commission's compliance with the sunshine Ordinance (Sections listed below) for meetings that occurred after April 13, 2021.

On April 6, 2022, the SOTF referred the matter to the Compliance and Amendments Committee to monitor future Behavioral Health Commission's meetings for compliance with the following sections of the sunshine Ordinance:

- 67.7(a) providing an adequate description of the agenda items;
- 67.7(a) posting Agenda 72 hours in advance of the meeting;
- 67.7(b) providing a clear description of the agenda matters;
- 67.7(b) posting supporting documents on-line or making them available as soon as they are available;
- 67.7(g) including notices of rights under the Sunshine Ordinance on the agenda;
- 67.9(a) posting supplementary documents for the meeting on the internet;
- 67.15(a) allowing public comment for each item on the agenda.

In addition, the SOTF requests that the Behavioral Health Commission provide their manual or description of their procedure/practices implemented to address the code sections listed. In an effort to document compliances with posting requirements of the Sunshine Ordinance, the SOTF requests that the Behavioral Health Commission maintain a log of when agendas and supporting documents are posted along with any other relevant data. (*attachments*)

- a) Hearing on the complaint. (*Discussion and Action*)
9. **File No. 22120:** The members of the Compliance and Amendments Committee are inviting members of the public who wish to propose amendments to the Sunshine Ordinance to present their proposals at this meeting. Each person who makes a presentation will be given equal speaking time of five minutes. We will take public comment once all of the presentations are complete. Each person who makes a presentation will be given an equal amount of speaking time. Each presenter will have at least five minutes to speak. (*Discussion and No Action*)
10. **Announcements, Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items by Members of the Compliance and Amendments Committee.** (*Discussion and Action*)
11. **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

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) 554-5184.

Paunawa: Ang mga kahilingan ay kailangang matanggap sa loob ng 48 oras bago mag miting upang matiyak na matutugunan ang mga hiling. Mangyaring tumawag ka sa (415) 554-5184.

翻譯 必須在會議前最少四十八小時提出要求
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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>.

Cell Phones, Pagers and Similar Sound-Producing Electronic Devices

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.