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PRESS RELEASE March 23, 2010

Education and Outreach Committee, Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

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Task Force Unveils Annual Sunshine and Eclipse/HALL OF SHAME AWARDS

Beginning April 8, 2010, the outreach committee of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force will accept nominations from the public for the government official, employee or city department whose compliance or advocacy stands out.

At the same time, the Education Outreach & Training Committee will accept nominations for a public official, employee or department's membership in the Eclipse Hall of Shame. This award goes to an entity that has obstructed, delayed or subverted the law and spirit of San Francisco's open government laws. Nominations will be closed at the end of the day on May 12.

"The purpose of these awards is to highlight the performance of some public servants and departments and to call attention to the performance of those whose compliance has been deficient," said Chair Sue Cauthen, "These awards grow from years of frustration with the lackluster execution of voter-mandated laws that have come to be largely ignored or discounted, leaving the public in the dark in some key areas of our bureaucracy that are, in fact, the public's business. With this carrot-and-stick approach, it is hoped that our public servants will recognize that there are consequences, both good and bad, that come with their reaction to public requests for documents or access to meetings."

All nominations should be made to the clerk of the Sunshine Task Force: Chris Rustom, City Hall – 1 Dr Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, 94102. Or –email: Chris.Rustom@sfgov.org. (Use Awards in the subject line.)

After the nominations are closed, the nominees will be invited to testify before the Education Outreach & Training Committee at its June 10 meeting. The public will be invited to testify as well. Committee selections will be reviewed by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force at its award ceremony. Awards will be paid for from public donations for that special purpose, and will not use any City funds.

It was the consensus of the committee that bringing the bright light of publicity to Sunshine issues will bring significant improvement in compliance. To that end, it is hoped that the press will be engaged in the process.

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PRESS RELEASE April 27, 2010

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"The purpose of these awards is to highlight the performance of some public servants and departments and to call attention to the performance of those whose compliance has been deficient," said EOTC chair Sue Cauthen, "These awards grow from years of frustration with some city entities' lackluster execution of voter-mandated open government laws, leaving the public in the dark. However, we want to recognize entities that realize that government exists to do the people's business. With this carrot-and-stick approach, it is hoped that our public servants will recognize that there are consequences, both good and bad, that come with their reaction to public requests for documents or access to meetings."

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