May 13, 2008

San Francisco Ethics Commission
25 Van Ness Avenue, # 220
San Francisco CA 94102

Regarding: #07096 complaint of Kimo Crossman and the March 10, 2008 Order of Determination from the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force against the Mayor’s Office, for alleged violation of Sunshine Ordinance §§67.21 (b) and (l), and 67.21-1 for failure to keep withholding to a minimum, failure to provide the requested daily calendar, and failure to appear before the Task Force.

At their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance Task Force voted that the attached complaint #07096 of Kimo Crossman and the March 10, 2008 Task Force Order of Determination be referred to the Ethics Commission as well as the Board of Supervisors with a finding of willful failure to comply with the Sunshine Ordinance and failure to comply with the Order of Determination. Under the Sunshine Ordinance, those acts shall be deemed official misconduct.

This request and referral is made under Section 67.30 (c) and 67.34 whereby the Task Force shall make referrals to a municipal office with enforcement power under the Sunshine Ordinance or under the California Public Records Act and the Brown Act whenever it concludes that any person has violated any provisions of this Ordinance or the Acts.

Complaints involving allegations of willful violations of the Sunshine Ordinance, the Brown Act or the Public Records Act by elected officials or department heads of the City and County of San Francisco shall be handled by the Ethics Commission.

The enclosed CD contains material in reference to this referral including (1) the March 10, 2008, Order of Determination, (2) the January 22, 2008, Task Force minutes, (3) the February 26, 2008, Task Force minutes (4) the April 9, 2008, Compliance and Amendments Committee minutes and (5) the draft April 22, 2008 Task Force minutes. The final minutes will be forwarded upon approval.
If you need any further information, including tape recordings of any of the meetings referenced above, please feel free to contact me, or the Task Force Administrator at (415) 554-7724.

Doug Comstock, Chair
Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

cc: Kimo Crossman, Complainant
    Board of Supervisors
    Joe Arellano, Mayor’s Office of Communications
    Ernie Llorente, Deputy City Attorney