## SUNSHINE ORDINANCE TASK FORCE



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## ORDER OF DETERMINATION

March 3, 2023

DATE DECISION ISSUED February 2, 2022

CASE TITLE: - File No: 21115

Monica Price and the First Amendment Coalition against the Office of the District Attorney for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section 67.21, by failing respond to a public records request in a timely and/or complete manner.

## **HEARING AND ACTION ON THE COMPLAINT**

On October 19, 2021, the Complaint Committee acting in its capacity to hear petitions/complaints heard the matter and referred the complaint to the full Task Force for hearing.

Action: Moved by Member Stein, seconded by Chair Schmidt, to find that the SOTF has jurisdiction, find that the requested records are public and to refer the matter to the SOTF for hearing.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Stein, Schmidt

Noes: 0 - None

On February 2, 2022, the SOTF held a hearing to review the recommendation from committee and/or to review the merits of the petition/complaint.

Action: Moved by Vice-Chair Yankee, seconded by Member Neighbors, to find that the District Attorney's Office violated Administrative Code, (Sunshine Ordinance) Sections 67.24(d) by failing to cooperate with the press and other members of the public regarding police activities; 67.27 by failing to provide a redaction key or other reference to the appropriate justifications; CPRA 6253(b) by failing to provide records in a complete and/or timely manner; and 6253(c) by failing to notify the person making the request of the determination and the reasons for withholding the records. The SOTF orders the District Attorney's Office to cease using discouraging language in their communications.

## The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Yankee, Neighbors, Stein, Schmidt, LaHood, Wong, Padmanabhan, Hyland, B. Wolfe

Noes: 0 - None

This Order of Determination was approved by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force on: March 1, 2023

CC. Petitioner Respondent