SUNSHINE ORDINANCE TASK FORCE



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ORDER OF DETERMINATION January 30, 2017

DATE ISSUED January 4, 2017

CASE TITLE – Sophia De Anda v. Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (File No. 16094)

FACTS OF THE CASE

On October 11, 2016, the following complaint was filed with the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (SOTF):

File No. 16094: Complaint filed by Sophia De Anda against the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section 67.21, by failing to respond to a request for public records in a timely and/or complete manner.

HEARING ON THE COMPLAINT

On December 20, 2016, the Complaint Committee acting in its capacity to hear complaints heard the matter and referred it to the Task Force for hearing.

On January 4, 2017, the SOTF reviewed the recommendation from Committee and held a hearing to review the merits of the complaint.

The Complainant was not present and requested that the matter be 'cancelled'. The Task Force heard the matter without the presence of the Complainant as the request of the Complainant was unclear. There were no speakers in support of the Complainant. Eugene Flannery, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (Respondent), provided a summary of the department's position. Mr. Flannery stated that the department does not maintain the request records. However, the Complainant was referred to the custodian of the requested records who complied with the request. Mr. Flannery stated that the Complainant has a history of filing multiply false complaints and failing to appear for hearings which wastes the time and effort of various city agencies. There were no speakers in support of the Respondent. A question and answer period followed. The Respondent and Complainant were provided the opportunity for rebuttals.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the SOTF found no violations of Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21.

ORDER OF DETERMINATION

The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force found no violations of Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section 67.21.

The motion to find that no violations occurred PASSED by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Eldon, J. Wolf, Maass, Cannata, Fischer, Hinze, Hyland, B.

Wolfe

Noes: 0 - None

Absent: 2 - Chopra, Baranetsky

Excused: 1 - Tesfai

Bruce Wolfe, Chair Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

Sophia De Ande (Complainant)
 Eugene Flannery, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community
 Development(Respondent)