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ORDER OF DETERMINATION March 27, 2018

DATE ISSUED March 7, 2018

CASE TITLE – Michael Petrelis V Former Acting-Mayor London Breed and the Office of the Mayor (File No. 18007)

FACTS OF THE CASE

The following petition/complaint was filed with the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (SOTF):

Complaint filed by Michael Petrelis against Former Acting-Mayor London Breed and the Office of the Mayor for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section 67.25 by failing to respond to an Immediate Disclosure Request in a timely and/or complete manner.

HEARING ON THE COMPLAINT

On February 20, 2018, the Education, Outreach and Training (Committee) acting in its capacity to hear petitions/complaints heard the matter and referred it to the SOTF for hearing.

Michael Petrelis (Petitioner) provided a summary of the complaint and requested the Committee to find a violation. Mr. Petrelis stated that a list of attendees was not provided until requested as a follow-up on a later date. Victor Lim, Office of the Mayor (Respondent), provided a summary of the department's position. Mr. Lim stated that an initial response was provided in a timely manner and a follow-up response was provided in response to additional questions from Mr. Petrelis. Mr. Lim stated that due to the one time unusual circumstance of London Breed serving the dual roles of President of the Board of Supervisors and Acting Mayor, additional time was needed to consolidate the calendar of two offices and ensure that all of the required information was provided. Mr. Lim stated that the requested calendars have been provided. A question and answer period occurred. The Petitioner and Respondent were provided an opportunity for rebuttals.

On March 7, 2018, the SOTF held a hearing to review the recommendation from Committee and/or to review the merits of the petition/complaint.

Michael Petrelis (Petitioner), provided a summary of the complaint and requested the SOTF to find violation. Mr. Petrelis stated that it is the Mayor's responsibility to release detailed calendars and that it took too long for the details to be released. There were no speakers on behalf of the Petitioner. Victor Lim, Office of the Mayor (Respondent), provided a summary of the department's position. Mr. Lim acknowledged that the response was late due to the untimely death of Mayor Lee. Mr. Lim stated that meetings were not held in the Mayor's Office and additional time was need to track down detailed information for calendar tracking purposes. There were no speakers on behalf of the Respondent. A question and answer period occurred. The Petitioner and Respondent were provided an opportunity for rebuttals.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the testimony and evidence presented the SOTF found that Former Acting-Mayor London Breed and the Office of the Mayor violated Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section 67.29-5.

ORDER OF DETERMINATION

Member Maass, seconded by Member J. Wolf, moved to find that Former Acting-Mayor London Breed and the Office of the Mayor violated Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section 67.29-5, by failing to make detailed calendars available to the public within three days of the calendar entry date.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Eldon, J. Wolf, Tesfai, Maass, Cannata, Fischer, Hinze, Hyland,

B. Wolfe

Noes: 0 – None

Bruce Wolfe, Chair Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

Michael Petrelis (Petitioner/Complainant)
 President London Breed, Board of Supervisors (Respondent)
 Victor Lim, Office of the Mayor (Respondent)