SUNSHINE ORDINANCE TASK FORCE



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

Regarding: Complaint #07087 filed by Allen Grossman against the Mayor's Office for alleged failure to respond to an Immediate Disclosure Request submitted on October 2, 2007, and repeated on October 19, 2007.

At their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance Task Force ordered that the attached complaint #07087 of Allen Grossman and the January 8, 2008, Task Force Order of Determination be referred to the Ethics Commission for official misconduct due to willful failure to comply with the Ordinance.

The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force finds the Mayor's Office, through its representatives, the Mayor and Nathan Ballard, in violation of Sections 67.21 (b) and (e), and 67.25 (a) of the Sunshine Ordinance and Section 6253 of the California Government Code for failure to provide records, failure to send an authorized representative to the hearing to respond to the complaint, failure to provide a response within 24 hours with a timeframe for compliance, and failure to comply with the Order of Determination issued by the Task Force.

This request and referral is made under Section 67.30 (c) 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.

Attached to this letter is the January 8, 2008 Task Force Order of Determination, documents regarding this complaint that have been submitted to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, the minutes from the Task Force meeting of January 8, 2008, the Compliance and Amendments Committee meeting of March 12, 2008, and the March 25, 2008, Task Force meeting.

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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 Frank Darby at (415) 554-7724.

Doug Comstock, Chair

Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

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