

# City and County of San Francisco

## **Sunshine Ordinance Task Force**

City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

# **Special Meeting Agenda**

#### Members:

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Wednesday, October 15,	4:30 p.m.	City Hall Doom 416
2025	<b>Special Meeting</b>	City Hall, Room 416

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND AGENDA CHANGES (Discussion and Action)
- 2. Approval of the August 6, 2025 Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Regular Meeting minutes. Discussion and Action) (attachments)
  (Continued from 9/3/2025.)
- 3. Approval of the September 3, 2025, Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Regular Meeting minutes. (Discussion and Action) (attachments)
- 4. **Approval of Orders of Determination** (Discussion and Action) (attachments)
  - File No. 25032 Michael J. Turon against Assessor-Recorder Joaquin Torres, Aydin Salim Kayali, and the Office of the Assessor-Recorder
  - File No. 25038 Paul Kniha against San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
  - File No. 25043 Anmarie against Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco
  - File No. 25048 Mark Sullivan against David Steinberg and San Francisco Public Works
  - File No. 25059 Patrick Monette-Shaw against Department of Public Health
  - File No. 25060 Ben Lynch against City Attorney's Office
  - File No. 25061 Marc Bruno against the San Francisco Planning Department
  - File No. 25065 Richard Corriea against Supervisor Joel Engardio
- 5. **Administrator's Report.** (Discussion and Action) (attachments)
  - Task Force and Committee tentative hearing schedule with potential adjustments
  - Complaints and Hearing Requests
  - Pending Petitions / Complaints
  - SOTF Member Attendance
  - Communications

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# SPECIAL ORDER 5:00 P.M. Public Comment, Consent Agenda, and Complaint Hearings Agenda

(Note: Public Comment, Consent Agenda, and hearings on Complaints listed below will begin at 5:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.)

- 6. **Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Committee on matters that are within the Committee's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda. (*No Action*)
- 7. **Hearing Closing Pending Complaint Files**: Hearing to consider closing the following complaint files pursuant to SOTF Complaint Procedure C(9). (*Discussion and Action*) (attachments)
  - 7a. File No. 21033: Zach Karnazes against Mayor's Office on Disability
  - 7b. File No. 21034: Zach Karnazes against Human Services Agency
  - 7c. File No. 21035: Zach Karnazes against Department of Technology

# CONSENT AGENDA – Items 8 through 15

The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force shall review File Nos. 24007, 24022, 24030, 24036, 25037, 25042, 25053, and 25071 to affirm the Committee's findings regarding the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force's jurisdiction; violations of the Sunshine Ordinance, Brown Act, or California Public Records Act; and, if applicable, to issue an Order of Determination and refer matters to a Committee for monitoring. The Complainant and Respondent are not required to attend the October 15, 2025 Sunshine Ordinance Task Force meeting but may attend to provide testimony during the public comment period for this item related to the determinations listed below. (Discussion and Action)

8. **File No. 24007:** Complaint filed by Kevin Cantwell against the Police Department for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21 by failing to provide records in a timely and/or complete manner. (attachments)

(On 9/23/2025, the Education, Outreach, and Training Committee found that the Task Force has jurisdiction, that the requested records are public, and referred the matter to the Consent Agenda with a recommendation to find no violation.)

- 9. **File No. 24022:** Complaint filed by Paul Kniha against the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency for allegedly violating the Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.25, by failing to respond to an Immediate Disclosure Request in a timely and/or complete manner. (attachments)
- 10. **File No. 24030:** Complaint filed by Paul Kniha against the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.25, by failing to respond to an Immediate Disclosure Request in a timely and/or complete manner. (attachments)
- 11. **File No. 24036:** Complaint filed by Paul Kniha against the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21 by failing to respond to a request for records in a timely and/or complete manner. *(attachments)*

(On 1/28/2025, the Education, Outreach and Training Committee, hearing File Nos. 24022, 24030 and 24036 together, found that the Task Force has jurisdiction, that the records are public, and referred the matters to the full Task Force consent calendar.

The Committee further found that these public records per Section 67.21(L) are available and easily generated by the MTA and did not recommend a finding of a violation. However, the Committee requested that the MTA produce the transcripts from the March 29, April 26, and May 31, 2024 color curb hearings and send the transcripts to Mr. Kniha within 14 calendar days. The Committee further requested that the MTA produce future color curb hearing transcripts upon request. The Committee requested that the MTA propose a policy on transparency and transcripts for public-facing events, hearings, and meetings.

On 6/4/2025, the Task Force approved the Consent Agenda and accepted the recommendations of the Committee for File Nos. 24022, 24030, and 24036.

On 6/24/2025, the Compliance and Amendments Committee continued the matter to the call of the Chair.

On 7/2/2025, the Task Force approved the Orders of Determination for File Nos. 24022, 24030, and 24036.

Because the Task Force found no violations, and because the Compliance and Amendments Committee also held a follow-up hearing on the matter, the Chair recommends that File Nos. 24022, 24030, and 24036 be closed.)

12. File No. 25037: Complaint filed by Paul Kniha against the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency and Erion Hom-Duong for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21 by failing to respond to a public records request in a timely and/or complete manner. (attachments)

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File No. 25042: Complaint filed by Paul Kniha against the San Francisco Municipal 13. Transportation Agency for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21 by failing to respond to a public records request in a timely and/or complete manner. (attachments)

> (On 9/23/2025, the Education, Outreach, and Training Committee combined File 25042 with File 25037, found that the Task Force has jurisdiction, and referred the matter to the Consent Agenda with a recommendation to find no violation by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency because the matter is a duplicate of the matters adjudicated previously in File Nos. 24022, 24030, and 24036. Additionally, the Administrator was directed to reject as duplicative any complaints by Mr. Kniha against the SFMTA regarding text transcripts of color curb *hearings.)*

14. File No. 25053: Complaint filed by Michael Petrelis against the Human Rights Commission, for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.29-5, by failing to respond to a request for Proposition G Calendar in a timely and/or complete manner. (attachments)

> (On 9/3/2025, the Education, Outreach, and Training Committee found that the Task Force has jurisdiction, that the requested records are public, and referred the matter to the Consent Agenda with a recommendation to find that the Human Rights Commission violated Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance) Section(s) 67.29-5 by failing to provide a Prop G calendar in a timely and/or complete manner. The Administrator was instructed to confirm that the requested records were forwarded to Mr. Petrelis before agendizing the matter before the Task Force, or the matter would be referred to a Committee for compliance.)

15. File No. 25071: Complaint filed by Wesley Saunders against the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21(b) by failing to respond to a public records request in a timely and/or complete manner. (attachments)

> (On 9/3/2025, the Education, Outreach, and Training Committee found that the Task Force has jurisdiction, that the requested records are public, and referred the matter to the Consent Agenda with a recommendation to find no violation.)

#### COMPLAINT HEARING AGENDA – Item 16 - 18

16. **File No. 25028:** Complaint filed Anmarie against the Fine Arts Museums of San Francsico for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.5 by failing to hold open meetings, 67.7 by failing to post an agenda, 67.15 by failing to allow public testimony, and 67.16 by failing to record and post minutes of regular and special meetings of the board or commission. (attachments)

(On 5/20/2025, the Complaint Committee referred the matter to the full Task Force for consideration of whether there is a violation of Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section 67.21 for failing to produce public records.

On 7/2/2025, the Task Force continued the matter to the call of the Chair.

On 8/6/2025, the Task Force found that the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco (FAMSF) violated Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance) Section 67.21. by failing and refusing to seek and produce the requested documents, and ordered that they do so. In addition, the Task Force found that the attendance by a majority the FAMSF trustees at meetings of the Corporation of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francsico implicates Section 67.3(b) and thus those are public meetings and the meetings proferred by Petitioner were done in violation of Section 67.5 by failing to hold open and public meetings, Section 67.7 by failing to post an agenda with a meaningful description of each item to be transacted or discussed at the meeting, Section 67.15 by failing to provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address a policy body on items of interest to the public that are within the policy body's subject matter jurisdiction, and Section 67.16 by failing to record the minutes for each regular and special meeting of the board or commission. The matter was referred to a Committee for compliance and follow up.)

- a. Hearing on the status of the complaint and consideration of enforcement action. (Discussion and Action)
- 17. **File No. 25063:** Complaint filed by Hanley Chan against the Department of Information Technology for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.25 by failing to respond by failing to respond to an immediate disclosure request in a timely and/or complete manner. (attachments)
  - a. Determination of jurisdiction over the complaint. (Discussion and Action)
  - b. Hearing on the Complaint (Discussion and Action)

- 18. **File No. 25073:** Complaint filed by Gilbert Kenneth Solt against the Human Services Agency for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21 by failing to respond to a public records request in a timely and/or complete manner. *(attachments)* 
  - a. Determination of jurisdiction over the complaint. (Discussion and Action)
  - b. Hearing on the Complaint (Discussion and Action)
- 19. **Hearing on Sunshine Ordinance Amendments:** Discussion regarding amendments to the Sunshine Ordinance and potential action to guide the related work of the Compliance and Amendments Committee. (Discussion and Action) (attachments)
- 20. Announcements, Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items by Members of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. (Discussion and Action)

(Note: Public Comment on this item is limited to subject matters presented by members of the SOTF.)

21. ADJOURNMENT

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- 2) Public correspondence;
- 3) Other explanatory documents.

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## **Meeting Procedures**

- 3. Matter is with the Task Force for discussion and questions.
- 4. Respondent and Complainant presents clarification/rebuttal 3 minutes
- 5. Matter is with the Task Force for motion and deliberation.
- 6. Public comment (Excluding Complainant & City response, witnesses)

  Up to 3 minutes each
- 7. Vote by Task Force (Public comment at discretion of chair on new motion and/or on new motion if vote fails.)

Public Comment will be taken before or during the Committee's consideration of each agenda item. Speakers may address the Task Force for up to three minutes on that item. During General Public Comment, members of the public may address the Task Force on matters that are within the Task Force's jurisdiction and are not on the agenda. Any person speaking during a public comment period may supply a brief written summary of their comments, which shall, if no more than 150 words, be included in the official file.

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