



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

Meeting Agenda

Members:

Seat 1	Dean Schmidt	Seat 7	Matthew Yankee - Chair
Seat 2	Lila LaHood	Seat 8	Chris Hyland
Seat 3	Saul Sugarman	Seat 9	David Pilpel
Seat 4	Ankita Kumar	Seat 10	Amerika Sanchez
Seat 5	Maxine Anderson	Seat 11	Bruce Wolfe
Seat 6	Laura Stein - Vice-Chair		
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Wednesday, May 7, 2025

4:00 pm
Regular Meeting

City Hall, Room 408

NOTE: Hearings on Complaints will begin no earlier than 5:00 p.m. (see details below)

Remote Access and/or In-Person Participation

The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force and its committees convene hybrid meetings that allow in-person attendance, in-person public comment, remote access for petitioners and respondents, and remote public comment via teleconference (via Webex).

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Members of the public may participate by phone or may submit their comments by email to: sotf@sfgov.org; all comments received will be made a part of the official record. Sunshine Ordinance Task Force agendas and their associated documents are available at <https://www.sfgov.org/sunshine>.

Meeting Decorum: Any member of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force may call for decorum due to the disorderly conduct of meeting participants. Persons who engage in threatening and/or menacing behavior may be asked to leave.

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND AGENDA CHANGES**
2. **Welcome new Task Force Members and Introductory Remarks.** (*Discussion Only*)
3. **Approval of the minutes from the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Regular Meeting of April 2, 2025.** (*Discussion and Action*) ([attachments](#))
4. **Approval of Orders of Determination:** (*Discussion and Action*) ([attachments](#))
 - **File No. 25018** Jonathan Balog against Office of Short-Term Rentals, SF Planning
5. **Election of Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Officers pursuant to Article III, Section 5 of the By-Laws.** (*Discussion and Action*)
 - a) Nominations and election of Chair.
 - b) Nominations and election of Vice-Chair.
6. **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.)

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public may address the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (SOTF) on matters that are within SOTF's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda. (*No Action*)
8. **File No. 25021:** Hearing on whether to open Sunshine Ordinance Complaint(s) by Stacy Smith against the San Francisco Public Library (Main), San Francisco Public Library (Mission Bay Branch), and the San Francisco Police Department (*Discussion and Action*) ([attachments](#))
9. **File No. 22010:** Complaint filed by Ron Cicero against the Police Department 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 1/3/2024, the Task Force found that Chief William Scott (Police Department) failed to discharge the duties imposed by the Sunshine Ordinance and referred the matter to the Ethics Commission pursuant to Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section 67.34 [willful misconduct].*

On 2/4/2025, Bisi Matthews, Director of Enforcement for the Ethics Commission, informed the Task Force that the Ethics Commission dismissed the complaint's allegations pursuant to Enforcement Regulations section 4(B)(3) because the allegations, if true, did not constitute a violation of law within the Commission's jurisdiction.

a) Hearing to consider referring this file to the Ethics Commission under Administrative Code Section 67.35(d) as a non-willful violation. (*Discussion and Action*)
10. **File No. 25003:** Complaint filed by Justin Barker against San Francisco Zoo 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 3/5/2025, the Task Force approved the Order of Determination re File No. 25003 and instructed that the Joint Zoo Committee work with the Education, Outreach and Training Committee to comply with the Sunshine Ordinance going forward.*

The 3/18/2025 Special Meeting of the Education, Outreach, and Training Committee did not meet due to the incorrect instructions for attending the meeting remotely.

On 4/2/2025, the Task Force found that the Zoological Society had not complied with the 2/5/2025 Order of Determination to produce records, and that the Zoological Society is subject to the Sunshine Ordinance under the SF Zoo Lease and Management Agreement of 1993. The Task Force asked that Recreation and Parks Department General Manager Phil Ginsburg facilitate the production of those records and referred the matter to the Compliance and Amendments Committee for monitoring.

On 4/22/2025, the Compliance and Amendments Committee acknowledged receipt of a 4/21/2024 letter from Recreation and Parks General Manager Ginsburg to SF Zoological Society Executive Director Tanya Peterson asking that this and all future public records requests related the San Francisco Zoo be facilitated by the Recreation and Parks Custodian of Records. General Manager Ginsburg further requested that the records pertaining to File No. 25003 be provided to Petitioner no later than May 1, 2025.)

- a) Hearing on the status of the complaint and consideration of enforcement action.
(Discussion and Action)
11. **File No. 24064:** Complaint filed by Matt Joseph against the Department of Building Inspection for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21(k) by failing to release documentary public information, 67.26 by failing to disclose records in their entirety, and 67.27 by failing to provide justification for the withholding of information in writing. ([attachments](#))
(On 3/25/2025, the Complaint Committee found that these are public documents under the jurisdiction of the Task Force and referred the matter to the full Task Force for consideration.)
 - a) Hearing on the complaint. *(Discussion and Action)*
12. **File No. 25025:** Complaint filed by Veronica Stamper against the San Francisco Police Department 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)*
13. **Hearing: Time Limits on Agenda Items and Active Complaints.** *(Discussion and Action)*
14. **Hearing: Ethics Commission Enforcement Actions regarding Annual Ethics and Sunshine Training Requirements and Enforcement Referrals from the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.** *(Discussion and Action)* ([attachments](#))
15. **Hearing on Sunshine Ordinance Amendments:** Discussion regarding potential amendments to the Sunshine Ordinance and the related work of the Compliance and Amendments Committee. *(Discussion Only)* ([attachments](#))

16. **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.)

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

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The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force was established by the San Francisco Administrative Code, Chapter 67. The purpose of the Task Force is to protect the public's interest in open government and to carry out the duties enumerated in Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code. For additional information concerning Sunshine Ordinance Task Force please contact the Task Force by e-mail sotf@sfgov.org or by calling (415) 554-7724.

Agenda Item Information

Each item on the agenda may include the following documents:

- 1) Department or Agency cover letter and/or report;
- 2) Public correspondence;
- 3) Other explanatory documents.

These items will be available for review at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, Reception Desk.

Meeting Procedures

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| 1. | Complainant presents his/her facts and evidence | 5 minutes |
| | Other parties of Complainant present facts and evidence | Up to 3 minutes each |
| 2. | City responds | 5 minutes |
| | Other parties of City respond | Up to 3 minutes each |
| | <i>Above total speaking times for Complainant and City to be the same.</i> | |
| 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.

Each member of the public will be allotted the same maximum number of minutes to speak as set by the Chair at the beginning of each item, excluding persons requested by the Task Force to make presentations, except that public speakers using interpretation assistance will be allowed to testify for twice the amount of the public testimony time limit. If simultaneous interpretation services are used, speakers will be governed by the public testimony time limit applied to speakers not requesting interpretation assistance.

Each member of the public who is unable to attend the public meeting or hearing may submit to the City, by the time the hearing begins, written comments regarding the agenda items. These comments will be made a part of the official public record. Written communications should be submitted to the SOTF at: 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco CA 94102.

AGENDA PACKET: Available for review in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, or on the internet at: <http://www.sfbos.org/sunshine>.

AUDIO RECORDINGS: Audio recordings of the meeting of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force are available at: <http://www.sfbos.org/sunshine>.

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Know Your Rights Under the Sunshine Ordinance

Government's duty is to serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions, boards, councils, and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review.

For more information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance (San Francisco Administrative Code, Chapter 67) or to report a violation of the ordinance, contact: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102; phone (415) 554-7724; fax (415) 554-5163; or email sotf@sfgov.org.

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