

**SUNSHINE ORDINANCE  
TASK FORCE**



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**ORDER OF DETERMINATION  
October 5, 2022**

**DATE DECISION ISSUED**  
August 3, 2022

**CASE TITLE - File No. 22056**

Complaint filed by Will Jarrett against Arnold Townsend and Ditka Reiner (Redistricting Task Force); for allegedly violating Administrative Code Section(s) 67.21 by failing to respond to a public records request in a timely and/or complete manner.

**HEARING AND ACTION ON THE COMPLAINT**

On June 21, 2022, the Complaint Committee acting in its capacity to hear petitions/complaints heard the matter.

Moved by Member Stein, seconded by Chair Schmidt to forward the matter to SOTF, and find that there is jurisdiction, that the records are public and regarding Respondents Reiner, Townsend, and the Clerk recommends that violations of Administrative Code, Sunshine Ordinance, Sections 67.21(b) for timeliness and 67.21(e) for failure to appear at the hearing to explain issues.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Stein, Schmidt  
Absent: 1 - Wolfe

On August 3, 2022, the SOTF held a hearing to review the recommendation from committee and/or to review the merits of the petition/complaint.

Moved by Member Padmanabhan, seconded by Member Schmidt, to find that Reverend Arnold Townsend violated Administrative Code, Sunshine Ordinance Section(s) 67.21(b) by failing to produce records for the second request within 10 days and California Public Records Act 6253(c) by failing to provide a notice of determination of disclosable records.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Padmanabhan, Schmidt, Wong, Hyland, Neighbors, Wolfe,  
Yankee  
Noes: 0 - None

Absent: 2 - Hill, Stein  
Recused: 1 - LaHood

Moved by Member Padmanabhan, seconded by Member Schmidt, to find that Ditka Reiner violated Administrative Code, Sunshine Ordinance, Section 67.21(b) by failing to produce records in a complete and timely manner.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Padmanabhan, Schmidt, Wong, Hyland, Neighbors, Wolfe  
Noes: 1 - Yankee  
Absent: 2 - Hill, Stein  
Recused: 1 - LaHood

Moved by Chair Yankee, seconded by Member Wolfe, to order the City Attorney's Office, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Office, and Department of Elections to search Arnold Townsend's email address and ask them to reach out to Mr. Townsend to obtain records in their possession under *Smith v. San Jose*.

The motion FAILED by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Yankee, Wolfe, Hyland, Neighbors, Wong  
Noes: 2 - Padmanabhan, Schmidt  
Absent: 2 - Hill, Stein  
Recused: 1 - LaHood



Matt Yankee, Chair  
Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

cc. Will Jarrett (Complainant)  
Ditka Reiner (Respondent)  
Reverend Arnold Townsend (Respondent)