SUNSHINE ORDINANCE TASK FORCE



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ORDER OF DETERMINATION

DATE DECISION ISSUED: 9/3/2025

File No. 25032: Complaint filed by Michael J. Turon against Assessor-Recorder Joaquin Torres, Aydin Salim Kayali, and the Office of the Assessor-Recorder 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, Section 67.26, by failing to keep the withholding of records to a minimum, and Section 67.27, by failing to provide justification for withholding information. Additional allegations: Violations of California Government Code, Sections 7922.525 and 7922.535(a).

HEARING AND ACTION ON THE COMPLAINT

On 5/20/2025, the Complaint Committee, acting in its capacity to hear petitions/complaints, heard the matter.

Action: Moved by Chair Schmidt, seconded by Member Sugarman, to find that the Task Force has jurisdiction, that the requested documents are public, and forward the matter to the full Task Force to consider whether there is a violation Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance) Section 67.21.

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 – Schmidt, Sugarman, Kumar

Noes: 0 – None Absent: 1 – Stein

On 9/3/2025, the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force held a hearing to review the recommendation from the Committee and/or review the merits of the petition/complaint.

Action: Moved by Member Pilpel, seconded by Member Schmidt, to find Assessor-Recorder Joaquin Torres, Aydin Salim Kayali, and the Office of the Assessor-Recorder violated Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section 67.25(a), by failing to respond no later than the close of business on the day following the day of the two Immediate Disclosure Requests.

The action **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Pilpel, Schmidt, LaHood, Sugarman, Kumar, Anderson, Stein, Yankee

Noes: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Hyland, Wolfe

This Order of Determination was approved by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force on: 10/15/25

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