

**SUNSHINE ORDINANCE  
TASK FORCE**



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## ORDER OF DETERMINATION

DATE DECISION ISSUED: 4/1/2026

**File No. 26026:** Complaint filed by Stiliyan Bezhanski against the Office of the Assessor-Recorder 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.

### HEARING AND ACTION ON THE COMPLAINT

On 3/17/2026, the Complaint Committee, acting in its capacity to hear petitions/complaints, heard the matter.

**Action: Moved by Vice-Chair Stein, seconded by Chair Schmidt, to find that the Task Force has jurisdiction, that the requested records are public, and refers the matter to the consent agenda with a recommendation of no violation. The email did not contain a public records request or ask for documents within the custody of the office, the office did not recognize the correspondence as a public records request, responded to Petitioner, and they do not know of legislation governing the information review process.**

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

Ayes: 3 – Stein, Schmidt, Sugarman

Noes: 0 – None

Absent: 0 – None

On 4/1/2026, 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 Anderson, to approve the Consent Agenda and adopt the recommendations of the Committee, finding that the Office of the Assessor-Recorder did not violate Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section 67.21, because the email did not contain a public records request or ask for documents within the custody of the office, the office did not recognize the correspondence as a public records request, responded to Petitioner, and they do not know of legislation governing the information review process.**

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

Ayes: 9 – Pilpel, Anderson, LaHood, Sugarman, Kumar, Hyland, Sangirardi, Stein,  
Yankee

Noes: 1 – Wolfe

Absent: 1 – Schmidt

This Order of Determination was approved  
by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force  
on: 5/6/2026

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