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Completed By: Patricia H. Petersen (12/12/2025)

Initial Request and Complaint

From: [Rick Sanders](#)
To: [MayorSunshineRequests, MYR \(MYR\)](#); [Records, Supervisor \(CAT\)](#)
Cc: [SOTF \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Records Request re: President
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 4:41:56 PM

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Please limit the time frame from **October 8 2025** to **October 24 2025**.

Thanks.

Initial Response

December 10, 2025

To: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force via electronic mail

Re: File No. 25088

Dear Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Members:

The San Francisco Office of the Mayor (MYR) is writing in response to file number 25088, with regard to the complaint filed by Mr. Rick Sanders with the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (SOTF) on October 29, 2025.

The Task Force should dismiss this complaint.

The Office of the Mayor denies the allegations, in reference to File No. 25088, that MYR violated Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21 by failing to respond to a public records request in a timely and/or complete manner.

Below is MYR's recitation of facts in this case, detailing MYR's communications with Mr. Rick Sanders:

1. Friday, October 24: Mr. Sanders sends a sunshine request to the Office of the Mayor seeking a variety of communications and documents created between October 8 – 24, 2025, regarding the October 22, 2025, phone call between Mayor Daniel Lurie and President Donald Trump discussing calling off potential federal deployment in San Francisco.
2. Wednesday, October 29:
 - a. 4:34 P.M. The Office of the Mayor responds to Mr. Sanders' request by stating, "We have withheld records responsive to your request on the basis of the attorney-client privilege. Cal. Govt. Code Secs. 7927.705, 7930.110; Cal. Evid. Code Sec. 950 et seq. Otherwise, we have no responsive records." The request is closed.
 - b. 4:41 P.M. Mr. Sanders opens a complaint with the SOTF and the City Attorney's Supervisor of Records (SOR).

3. Thursday, November 6: The Office of the Mayor writes to Mr. Sanders to clarify its determination by stating the following:
 - a. “Attorneys from the San Francisco City Attorney’s Office are on documents that could be responsive to your request, but the Office of the Mayor is withholding them because of attorney-client privilege. This is an acceptable withholding of documents per the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance. We are not withholding additional documents that do not have attorneys included.”
4. Friday, November 14: SOR writes with its determination:
 - a. “We determined that the Mayor’s office did not improperly withhold records.”
5. Monday, November 17: The Office of the Mayor asks Mr. Sanders if he is willing to stop his complaint, given the SOR determination that records were properly withheld.
6. Thursday, November 20: Mr. Sanders asks SOTF to proceed with the complaint.

The Office of the Mayor responded to Mr. Sanders’ request in a timely and complete manner.

Mr. Sanders’ request was completed and considered closed on October 29, 2025. The Office of the Mayor continues to answer Mr. Sanders’ questions after his request was closed to clarify and help explain determinations. This demonstrates the Office of the Mayor’s willingness to engage with requesters to a level that exceeds expectations outlined in the Sunshine Ordinance.

The documents that Mr. Sanders’ request is seeking are being withheld under the attorney-client privilege exception as outlined by the Sunshine Ordinance. Attorneys from the San Francisco City Attorney’s Office are part of the requested documents and thus create an attorney-client privilege. The contents, themes, and involvement of documents under the attorney-client privilege exception will not be disclosed, as city and state law allows. Cal. Govt. Code Secs. 7927.705, 7930.110; Cal. Evid. Code Sec. 950 et seq.

The Office of the City Attorney has also reviewed Mr. Sanders’ request through the Supervisor of Records. The SOR upheld that the Office of the Mayor correctly withheld and responded to this request, so Mr. Sanders’ argument that the attorney-client exception is being improperly used is null.

The Office of the Mayor asked Mr. Sanders if he was willing to suspend his complaint with SOTF given the third-party opinion of the SOR, but Mr. Sanders refused. The Office of the

Mayor has consistently strived to respond to all of Mr. Sanders' sunshine requests in a complete and timely manner.

For all the reasons aforementioned, the Task Force should dismiss Mr. Sanders' complaint because the Office of the Mayor has already satisfied the request in a timely and complete manner.

Thank you to the Task Force members for their time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Dexter Darmali
Legislative & Ethics Secretary
The Office of Mayor Daniel Lurie
Dexter.Darmali@sfgov.org

Complaint Summary

Sunshine Ordinance Task Force
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File No. 25088

Rich Sanders against Office of the Mayor

Date filed with SOTF: 10/29/2025

Contact information:

Party	Name(s)	Email(s)	Telephone
Petitioner	Rich Sanders	sfpdrecords0@gmail.com	
Respondent	Mayor Daniel Lurie	mayorsunshinerequests@sfgov.org	

File No. 25088: Complaint filed by Rich Sanders against the Office of the Mayor 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.

Administrator's Notes

Complainant's Supporting Documents

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Cc: [MayorSunshineRequests](#), [MYR \(MYR\)](#); [Records, Supervisor \(CAT\)](#)
Subject: Re: Rick Sanders against Office of the Mayor (File 25088)
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 12:24:46 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Received thank you. Please let me know when File 25088 is scheduled to be heard.

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Date: Thursday, November 20, 2025 12:03:43 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

SOTF, please proceed with the complaint for failure to reply in a complete manner.

On Mon, Nov 17, 2025 at 3:18 PM MayorSunshineRequests, MYR (MYR) <mayorsunshinerequests@sfgov.org> wrote:

Thank you, Pat.

Rick-

I hope you are well. Are you willing to withdraw your complaint, given that the Supervisor or Records from the City Attorney's Office has determined that no records were improperly withheld? Please let me know.

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From: Rick Sanders
To: SOTF (BOS)
Cc: Somera, Alisa (BOS); Dean Schmidt (dschmi4@aol.com)
Subject: Re: Notice of Hearing: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - Complaint Committee, 12/30/2025, 5:30 p.m. (File No. 25088)
Date: Monday, December 8, 2025 5:49:40 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image.png](#)
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If possible I'd like to request that my case be heard at the top of the agendized complaints or that it be postponed as I am unavailable from 6:30pm PT onwards on that day. Below is my statement and supporting documentation: As we're all aware the president of the united states has initiated a national terror campaign against our bipoc and immigrant neighbors, deploying masked agents in unmarked vehicles to terrorize communities, deport legal residents, and undocumented migrants in a racist campaign of violence nationwide. The campaign reached a fever pitch in the bay area as the president threatened to send national guard troops to San Francisco and other cities. Border patrol agents were indeed deployed to coast guard island and I saw for myself the fear this instilled and the community resistance it sparked. The Mayor reportedly had a conversation with the President after which the President decided not to send the national guard into the city. The communities impacted by this violence, racist campaign understandably want and certainly deserve to know the content and nature of this conversation.

As a result I requested a swathe of documents broad enough to capture any kind of communication, memo, or record of the conversation, meeting, or any related decision that occurred. This included phone records (not the content itself but the record), notes, memos, transcripts, names of participants on calls, emails, texts, any communications at all, documents the city received alerting it to planned federal deployment, records of the mayor's executive directive, records related to city-agency coordination, etc. In response the city has claimed literally nothing is disclosable due to attorney client privilege. The city attorney's office stated in an email in which the SOTF was cc'd on Nov 14th that "it is asserting this privilege with respect to communications between the department and its attorney."

However, as the first amendment coalition notes "not everything that passes an attorney's desk is covered by this privilege...."[i]n order for a communication to be privileged, it must be made for the purpose of the legal consultation, rather than some unrelated or ancillary purpose." Los Angeles Cty. Bd. of Supervisors v. Superior Court, 2 Cal. 5th 282, 297 (2016)."

<https://firstamendmentcoalition.org/asked-and-answered/how-does-one-deal-with-cpra-request-response-denying-the-records-as-privileged/>

On Nov 17th I emailed the Mayor's office and CAT to ask which categories among those I requested the privileged records fall into. They did not respond.

The mayor's office would have us believe that every single record I requested from the category I requested (as listed above) was "made for the purpose of legal consultation." This simply cannot be the case, it's unreasonable to expect the public to believe it is the case, and thus I request that the SOTF rule this a violation of the duty to respond in a complete manner and additional ask the SOTF to ask the mayor's office how the mayor communicated with the president, what sorts of records were created or exist about that communication, how they can expect us to believe that every single record was made for the purpose of legal consultation rather than for the purpose of city business, and why we shouldn't expect them to respond to every public records request this way when they don't want to release the information.

The implication of this case is that the city can simply cc the City Attorney on anything it doesn't want to disclose which is very clearly counter to the courts interpretation of public record law.

As far as I can tell this is one in a long history of San Francisco mayors devising new and creative ways to circumvent public records law, once destroying the records, now simply claiming none of them are disclosable in the first place. Thank you.

 **Supervisor Records (CAT)**
to Supervisor, me, MYR, SOTF ▾

Fri, Nov 14, 2:16PM ⭐ 😊 ⏪ ⏴

Rick Sanders,

We investigated your petition to the Supervisor of Records concerning your request for public records related to communications between the **Mayor** and the President. We determined that the **Mayor**'s office did not improperly withhold records. The department is not asserting an attorney-client relationship privilege exists between the **Mayor** and the President. Rather, it is asserting this privilege with respect to communications between the department and its attorney. Aside from these privileged records, no other responsive records exist. The Supervisor of Records is therefore closing this petition.

Best regards,

Supervisor of Records

Hugo Cabral
Deputy City Attorney
Office of City Attorney David Chiu

 **Rick Sanders** <sfpdrecords0@gmail.com>
to Supervisor, MYR ▾

Mon, Nov 17, 12:23 AM ⭐ 😊 ⏪ ⏴

Will the **Mayor**'s office or the City Attorney please inform me which categories in the list of records I requested the privileged records fall into? For example:

1. The phone-call records
The date and time of the phone call between **Mayor** Lurie and President Trump.

On Fri, Dec 5, 2025 at 4:02 PM SOTF (BOS) <sotf@sfgov.org> wrote:

Hello –

The following Sunshine Ordinance Task Force matters have been scheduled for hearing:

Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 (Hybrid Meeting in-person/remote)
Location: Hearing Room 408, City Hall, San Francisco, CA 94102
Time: Meeting Convenes – 5:30 p.m.

Information regarding how to participate via telephone or via teleconference (Webex) will be listed on the Agenda. Agendas are available [online](#) and at the [San Francisco Public Library](#) at least 72 hours before the meeting.

Why Am I Receiving This Notice?

You are receiving this notice because you are named as a Complainant or Respondent in one of the following complaints scheduled for hearing to: 1) hear the merits of the complaint; 2) issue a determination; and/or 3) consider referrals from a Task Force Committee,

or

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Must I Attend?

Complainants: Your attendance is required for this meeting/hearing.

Respondents/Departments: Pursuant to Section 67.21 (e) of the Ordinance the custodian of records, or a representative of your department who can speak to the matter, is required at the meeting/hearing.



IMPORTANT - CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE

- Petitioner's Failure to Appear at the meeting without prior notice will result in the file being **Closed**.
- Respondent's Failure to Appear will result in additional violations of the Sunshine Ordinance.

Confirm your attendance and submit any additional supplemental/support documents for inclusion into the agenda packet by **5:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 10, 2025**.

Which Matters Will be Heard?

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From: [Rick Sanders](#)
To: [SOTF \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Dean Schmidt \(dschmi4@aol.com\)](#); [MayorSunshineRequests, MYR \(MYR\)](#)
Subject: Re: Notice of Hearing: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - Complaint Committee, 12/16/2025, 5:30 p.m. (File No. 25088)
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 9:21:22 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

The request is to hear it at the top of the agenda on Dec 16th or to postpone it until the next hearing. Thanks.

On Tue, Dec 9, 2025 at 4:31 PM SOTF (BOS) <sotf@sfgov.org> wrote:

Hello, Mr. Sanders –

I see that the subject line in the Notice of Hearing before the Complaint Committee re **File 25088** stated incorrectly that the date of the meeting is 12/30/2025. I apologize! The body of the Notice states correctly that the meeting is December 16, 2025.

Please confirm that your request to have **File 25088** heard at the top of the agendized complaints is for **December 16, 2025**. Your request has been conveyed to the Chair of the committee, and it will be noted on the record at the meeting. The Chair has the discretion to decide the order in which matters are heard.

Separately, your statement and supporting documentation will be added to the record.

Thank you.

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From: Rick Sanders <sfpdrecords0@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 5:49 PM
To: SOTF (BOS) <sotf@sfgov.org>
Cc: Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Dean Schmidt (dschmi4@aol.com)
<dschmi4@aol.com>
Subject: Re: Notice of Hearing: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - Complaint Committee, 12/30/2025, 5:30 p.m. (File No. 25088)

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If possible I'd like to request that my case be heard at the top of the agendized complaints or that it be postponed as I am unavailable from 6:30pm PT onwards on that day. Below is my statement and supporting documentation: As we're all aware the president of the united states has initiated a national terror campaign against our bipoc and immigrant neighbors, deploying masked agents in unmarked vehicles to terrorize communities, deport legal residents, and undocumented migrants in a racist campaign of violence nationwide. The campaign reached a fever pitch in the bay area as the president threatened to send national guard troops to San Francisco and other cities. Border patrol agents were indeed deployed to coast guard island and I saw for myself the fear this instilled and the community resistance it sparked. The Mayor reportedly had a conversation with the President after which the President decided not to send the national guard into the city. The communities impacted by this violence, racist campaign

understandably want and certainly deserve to know the content and nature of this conversation.

As a result I requested a swathe of documents broad enough to capture any kind of communication, memo, or record of the conversation, meeting, or any related decision that occurred. This included phone records (not the content itself but the record), notes, memos, transcripts, names of participants on calls, emails, texts, any communications at all, documents the city received alerting it to planned federal deployment, records of the mayor's executive directive, records related to city-agency coordination, etc. In response the city has claimed literally nothing is disclosable due to attorney client privilege. The city attorney's office stated in an email in which the SOTF was cc'd on Nov 14th that "it is asserting this privilege with respect to communications between the department and its attorney."

However, as the first amendment coalition notes "not everything that passes an attorney's desk is covered by this privilege...."[i]n order for a communication to be privileged, it must be made for the purpose of the legal consultation, rather than some unrelated or ancillary purpose." Los Angeles Cty. Bd. of Supervisors v. Superior Court, 2 Cal. 5th 282, 297 (2016)."

<https://firstamendmentcoalition.org/asked-and-answered/how-does-one-deal-with-cpra-request-response-denying-the-records-as-privileged/>

On Nov 17th I emailed the Mayor's office and CAT to ask which categories among those I requested the privileged records fall into. They did not respond.

The mayor's office would have us believe that every single record I requested from the category I requested (as listed above) was "made for the purpose of legal consultation." This simply cannot be the case, it's unreasonable to expect the public to believe it is the case, and thus I request that the SOTF rule this a violation of the duty to respond in a complete manner and additional ask the SOTF to ask the mayor's office how the mayor communicated with the president, what sorts of records were created or exist about that communication, how they can expect us to believe that every single record was made for the purpose of legal consultation rather than for the purpose of city business, and why we shouldn't expect them to respond to every public records request this way when they don't want to release the information.

The implication of this case is that the city can simply cc the City Attorney on anything it doesn't want to disclose which is very clearly counter to the courts interpretation of public record law.

As far as I can tell this is one in a long history of San Francisco mayors devising new and creative ways to circumvent public records law, once destroying the records, now simply claiming none of them are disclosable in the first place. Thank you.



Supervisor Records (CAT)
to Supervisor, me, MYR, SOTF ▾

Fri, Nov 14, 2:16 PM

Rick Sanders,

We investigated your petition to the Supervisor of Records concerning your request for public records related to communications between the **Mayor** and the President. We determined that the **Mayor's** office did not improperly withhold records. The department is not asserting an attorney-client relationship privilege exists between the **Mayor** and the President. Rather, it is asserting this privilege with respect to communications between the department and its attorney. Aside from these privileged records, no other responsive records exist. The Supervisor of Records is therefore closing this petition.

Best regards,

Supervisor of Records

Hugo Cabrera
Deputy City Attorney
Office of City Attorney David Chiu



Rick Sanders <sfpdrecords0@gmail.com>
to Supervisor, MYR ▾

Mon, Nov 17, 12:23 AM

Will the **Mayor's** office or the City Attorney please inform me which categories in the list of records I requested the privileged records fall into? For example:

1. The phone-call records

The date and time of the phone call between **Mayor** Lurie and President Trump.

On Fri, Dec 5, 2025 at 4:02 PM SOTF (BOS) <sotf@sfgov.org> wrote:

Hello –

The following Sunshine Ordinance Task Force matters have been scheduled for hearing:

Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 (Hybrid Meeting in-person/remote)

Location: Hearing Room 408, City Hall, San Francisco, CA 94102

Time: Meeting Convenes – 5:30 p.m.

Information regarding how to participate via telephone or via teleconference (Webex) will be listed on the Agenda. Agendas are available [online](#) and at the [San Francisco Public Library](#) at least 72 hours before the meeting.

Why Am I Receiving This Notice?

You are receiving this notice because you are named as a Complainant or Respondent in one of the following complaints scheduled for hearing to: 1) hear the merits of the complaint; 2) issue a determination; and/or 3) consider referrals from a Task Force Committee,

or

You are receiving this notice because you are named as a Complainant or Respondent in one of the following complaints for a hearing to: 1) determine if the Task Force has jurisdiction; 2) review the merits of the complaints; and/or 3) issue a report and/or recommendation to the SOTF.

Must I Attend?

Complainants: Your attendance is required for this meeting/hearing.

Respondents/Departments: Pursuant to Section 67.21 (e) of the Ordinance the custodian of records, or a representative of your department who can speak to the matter, is required at the meeting/hearing.

IMPORTANT - CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE

- Petitioner's Failure to Appear at the meeting without prior notice will result in the file being **Closed**.
- Respondent's Failure to Appear will result in additional violations of the Sunshine Ordinance.

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Respondent's Supporting Documents

From: [Supervisor Records \(CAT\)](#)
To: [Rick Sanders](#)
Cc: [SOTF \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: RE: Public Records Request re: President
Date: Friday, October 31, 2025 8:38:04 AM

Rick Sanders,

We are in receipt of your request and will respond as soon as possible.

Best regards,

Supervisor of Records

Hugo Cabrera
Deputy City Attorney
Office of City Attorney David Chiu

From: Rick Sanders <sfpdrecords0@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 4:41 PM
To: MayorSunshineRequests, MYR (MYR) <mayorsunshinerequests@sfgov.org>; Supervisor Records (CAT) <supervisor.records@SFCITYATTY.ORG>
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Thank You,

Office of the Mayor of San Francisco

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mayorsunshinerequests@sfgov.org

From: Rick Sanders <sfpdrecords0@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 1:26 PM

To: MayorSunshineRequests, MYR (MYR) <mayorsunshinerequests@sfgov.org>

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Please limit the time frame from **October 8 2025** to **October 24 2025**.

Thanks.

From: [MayorSunshineRequests, MYR \(MYR\)](#)
To: [Rick Sanders](#)
Cc: [SOTF \(BOS\)](#); [Records, Supervisor \(CAT\)](#)
Subject: RE: Public Records Request re: President
Date: Thursday, November 6, 2025 3:51:05 PM

Dear Rick,

I would like to further clarify our previous email which stated, “We have withheld records responsive to your request on the basis of the attorney-client privilege. Cal. Govt. Code Secs. 7927.705, 7930.110; Cal. Evid. Code Sec. 950 et seq. Otherwise, we have no responsive records.”

Attorneys from the San Francisco City Attorney’s Office are on documents that could be responsive to your request, but the Office of the Mayor is withholding them because of attorney-client privilege. This is an acceptable withholding of documents per the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance. We are not withholding additional documents that do not have attorneys included. I hope this help resolve any questions.

Thank You,

Dexter Darmali (*he/him/his*)
Legislative & Ethics Secretary
Office of Mayor Daniel Lurie
dexter.darmali@sfgov.org

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Cc: [MayorSunshineRequests, MYR \(MYR\)](#); [Records, Supervisor \(CAT\)](#)
Subject: RE: Rick Sanders against Office of the Mayor (File 25088)
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 3:18:33 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you, Pat.

Rick-

I hope you are well. Are you willing to withdraw your complaint, given that the Supervisor or Records from the City Attorney's Office has determined that no records were improperly withheld? Please let me know.

Best,

Dexter Darmali (*he/him*)

Legislative & Ethics Secretary
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Subject: Re: Rick Sanders against Office of the Mayor (File 25088)

Received thank you. Please let me know when File 25088 is scheduled to be heard.

On Fri, Oct 31, 2025 at 8:56 AM SOTF (BOS) <sotf@sfgov.org> wrote:

Good Morning, Parties –

The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force has opened **File 25088** in re Rick Sanders against the Office of the Mayor regarding a request for records between the Mayor and the President.

Please reference this file number in future communications.

Thank you.

Patricia Petersen (she/her)

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Date: Monday, December 8, 2025 5:33:14 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
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To: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force via electronic mail

Re: File No. 25088

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Mayor has consistently strived to respond to all of Mr. Sanders' sunshine requests in a complete and timely manner.

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Thank you to the Task Force members for their time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Sunshine Ordinance Task Force
Complaint Summary

File No. 25088

Rich Sanders against Office of the Mayor

Date filed with SOTF: 10/29/2025

Contact information:

Party	Name(s)	Email(s)	Telephone
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Respondent	Mayor Daniel Lurie	mayorsunshinerequests@sfgov.org	

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Administrator's Notes

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Cc: [SOTF \(BOS\)](#)
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Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 12:24:46 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Received thank you. Please let me know when File 25088 is scheduled to be heard.

On Fri, Oct 31, 2025 at 8:56 AM SOTF (BOS) <sotf@sfgov.org> wrote:

Good Morning, Parties –

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Date: Thursday, November 20, 2025 10:01:18 AM
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Received and noted, Mr. Sanders ... thank you.

The parties will be notified when **File 25088** is scheduled for a hearing.

Best,
Pat

From: Rick Sanders <sfpdrecords0@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 12:03 AM
To: MayorSunshineRequests, MYR (MYR) <mayorsunshinerequests@sfgov.org>
Cc: SOTF (BOS) <sotf@sfgov.org>; Records, Supervisor (CAT) <Supervisor.records@sfcityatty.org>
Subject: Re: Rick Sanders against Office of the Mayor (File 25088)

SOTF, please proceed with the complaint for failure to reply in a complete manner.

On Mon, Nov 17, 2025 at 3:18 PM MayorSunshineRequests, MYR (MYR) <mayorsunshinerequests@sfgov.org> wrote:

Thank you, Pat.

Rick-

I hope you are well. Are you willing to withdraw your complaint, given that the Supervisor or Records from the City Attorney's Office has determined that no records were improperly withheld? Please let me know.

Best,

Dexter Darmali (*he/him*)
Legislative & Ethics Secretary
Office of Mayor Daniel Lurie
dexter.darmali@sfgov.org

From: Rick Sanders <sfpdrecords0@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 12:24 AM
To: SOTF (BOS) <sotf@sfgov.org>
Cc: MayorSunshineRequests, MYR (MYR) <mayorsunshinerequests@sfgov.org>; Records,

Supervisor (CAT) <Supervisor.records@sfcityatty.org>

Subject: Re: Rick Sanders against Office of the Mayor (File 25088)

Received thank you. Please let me know when File 25088 is scheduled to be heard.

On Fri, Oct 31, 2025 at 8:56 AM SOTF (BOS) <sotf@sfgov.org> wrote:

Good Morning, Parties –

The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force has opened **File 25088** in re Rick Sanders against the Office of the Mayor regarding a request for records between the Mayor and the President.

Please reference this file number in future communications.

Thank you.

Patricia Petersen (she/her)

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From: Rick Sanders <sfpdrecords0@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 4:41 PM

To: MayorSunshineRequests, MYR (MYR) <mayorsunshinerequests@sfgov.org>; Records,

Supervisor (CAT) <Supervisor.records@sfcityatty.org>

Cc: SOTF (BOS) <sotf@sfgov.org>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request re: President

Dear City Attorney, please open a case to review the Mayor's refusal to disclose the records below. The request is for records between the Mayor and President. That relationship does not constitute an attorney-client relationship. The president is not the mayor's attorney. The mayor is not the president's attorney. And many of the records I requested are not even communications but documents related to the communications. I look forward to having this issue resolved promptly

Dear SOTF, please open a complaint for the request in the forwarded email below for failing to respond in a timely or complete manner.

Thanks.

On Wed, Oct 29, 2025 at 4:34 PM MayorSunshineRequests, MYR (MYR)

<mayorsunshinerequests@sfgov.org> wrote:

Dear Rick,

Thank you for your patience as we have reviewed your request. We have withheld records responsive to your request on the basis of the attorney-client privilege. Cal. Govt. Code Secs. 7927.705, 7930.110; Cal. Evid. Code Sec. 950 et seq. Otherwise, we have no responsive records. Please let us know if you have any questions. We now consider this request closed.

Thank You,

Office of the Mayor of San Francisco

Sunshine Requests

mayorsunshinerequests@sfgov.org

From: Rick Sanders <sfpdrecords0@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 1:26 PM

To: MayorSunshineRequests, MYR (MYR) <mayorsunshinerequests@sfgov.org>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request re: President

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Please respond to acknowledge receipt of this request.

On Tue, Oct 28, 2025 at 11:52 AM Rick Sanders <sfpdrecords0@gmail.com> wrote:

Please confirm receipt of this request, thank you.

On Fri, Oct 24, 2025 at 12:19 PM Rick Sanders <sfpdrecords0@gmail.com> wrote:

This is a public records request for all records related to [the mayor's phone call with the President](#) this week and the decision to call off the federal deployment to San Francisco. Please provide the following:

1. The phone-call records

- The date and time of the phone call between Mayor Lurie and President Trump.
- The participants on the call (including aides, staffers, or other officials) and their affiliations.
- Any audio recordings or transcripts of that phone call (if they exist).
- Notes, memos, or internal summaries created by the Mayor's office (or other city departments) about that phone call.

2. Correspondence and communications

- Emails, texts, or memos within the Mayor's office (or between the Mayor's office and federal officials, or the Mayor's office and other city officials or agencies) referencing the phone call or the planned federal deployment and its cancellation.
- Communications between the Mayor's office and the Department of Homeland Security (or other federal agencies) related to the deployment and cancellation.
- Communications with tech-executives or other private individuals (if referenced) about influencing or discussing the deployment decision.

3. Records of the planned federal deployment

- Documents the city received alerting it to the planned federal deployment in San Francisco (dates, anticipated personnel, scope, etc.).
- Internal city memos assessing the impact of the federal deployment on

city operations, public safety, immigrant communities, etc.

- Records of the Mayor's executive directive (or other city-level actions) preparing for that federal deployment. For example, the directive signed Oct 22, 2025. [San Francisco Government](#)
- Any city-agency coordination records (e.g., from the Department of Emergency Management, City Attorney, etc.) regarding preparation for or response to federal action. [CBS News](#)

4. Documentation of the decision to call off the deployment

- A record of the Mayor's statement that the President told him he was calling off any plans. [San Francisco Government](#)
- Any follow-up documentation or internal city evaluation of the cancellation (impact on local law enforcement, immigrant communities, etc.).
- Communications from federal officials (e.g., DHS, CBP) confirming the cancellation or changing plans, if any.

5. Any agreements or understanding

- Records of any verbal or written understanding between the Mayor's office and the federal government regarding this cancellation (for instance: did the Mayor agree to something in exchange, did the federal government request something of the city?).
- Any city-policy changes or commitments made by the city or the federal government as part of this conversation or follow-up.

Please limit the time frame from **October 8 2025** to **October 24 2025**.

Thanks.

From: [SOTF \(BOS\)](#) on behalf of [SOTF \(BOS\)](#)
To: [MayorSunshineRequests](#), [MYR \(MYR\)](#)
Cc: [Petersen, Patricia \(BOS\)](#); [sfpdrecords0@gmail.com](#)
Bcc: ["DSchmi4@aol.com"](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: SOTF - Complaint Filed with the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - [Rich Sanders against Office of the Mayor] (File No. 25088)
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 2:12:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Preparing SOTF Respondent Materials FINAL for PILOT.pdf](#)
[25088 SOTF Summary.pdf](#)

Good Afternoon:

A Sunshine Complaint has been filed with the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (SOTF) against you and/or the organization listed below.

To provide the SOTF information in an easy-to-understand format the SOTF has prepared a revised request format for responding to complaints (see below). The SOTF requests that you submit your response to our office regarding the allegations including any and all supporting documents, recordings, electronic media, etc., to the SOTF within five (5) business days of this notice. In developing and submitting your response, please use the attached instructions, "Preparing San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Respondents Materials" to address your response to the complaint. This is your opportunity to provide a detailed explanation to allow the SOTF to be fully informed in considering your response prior to the meeting.

The following Complaint is attached.

File No. 25088: Complaint filed by Rich Sanders against the Office of the Mayor 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.

SOTF Complaint Procedures:

https://sfgov.org/sunshine/sites/default/files/Complaint_Procedure.pdf

Please review the attached complaint as described above and acknowledge your department's position regarding the alleged violation of the Sunshine Ordinance and/or other related Codes by choosing ONE of the following responses:

- a) acknowledge noncompliance for all allegations below
- b) department/agency declares no-contest to all allegations below
- c) deny one or more allegations (please state an additional explanation which of the allegations you deny, and supporting evidence and/or argument)

You may, if you wish, also attach any additional explanation and supporting documentation.

If you or your entity acknowledges noncompliance or declares no-contest, the SOTF may, at its discretion, issue an Order of Determination against you or your entity for the allegations listed above without a hearing, and thereafter refer the matter to the Compliance & Amendments Committee for monitoring as needed.

Please refer to the File Number when submitting any new information and/or supporting documents pertaining to this complaint.

Thank you.

Victor Young

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From: SOTF (BOS)
To: sfpdrecords0@gmail.com; [MayorSunshineRequests_MYR \(MYR\)](mailto:MayorSunshineRequests_MYR (MYR))
Cc: Somera, Alisa (BOS); Dean Schmidt (dschmi4@aol.com)
Subject: Notice of Hearing: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - Complaint Committee, 12/30/2025, 5:30 p.m. (File No. 25088)
Date: Friday, December 5, 2025 3:54:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
Sensitivity: Confidential

Hello –

The following Sunshine Ordinance Task Force matters have been scheduled for hearing:

Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 (Hybrid Meeting in-person/remote)
Location: Hearing Room 408, City Hall, San Francisco, CA 94102
Time: Meeting Convenes – 5:30 p.m.

Information regarding how to participate via telephone or via teleconference (Webex) will be listed on the Agenda. Agendas are available [online](#) and at the [San Francisco Public Library](#) at least 72 hours before the meeting.

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IMPORTANT - CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE

- Petitioner's Failure to Appear at the meeting without prior notice will result in the file being **Closed**.
- Respondent's Failure to Appear will result in additional violations of the Sunshine Ordinance.

Confirm your attendance and submit any additional supplemental/support documents for inclusion into the agenda packet by **5:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 10, 2025**.

Which Matters Will be Heard?

File No. 25064: Complaint filed by Michael Turon against the City Attorney of San Francisco 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.

File No. 25085: Complaint filed by Michael Turon against the San Francisco Planning Department, Hugo Cabrera and Chan Son 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, Section(s) 67.25, by failing to respond in a timely and/or complete manner to an immediately disclosure request, Section(s) 67.26, by failing to keep withholdings to a minimum, and Section(s) 67.27, by failing to provide written justification of withholdings.

File No. 25088: Complaint filed by Rich Sanders against the Office of the Mayor 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.

File No. 25099: Complaint filed by grant.review@proton.me against Department of Public Works 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.

File No. 25100: Complaint filed by Concerned San Francisco Residents against the Department of Public Health 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.

File No. 25102: Complaint filed by Michael Petrelis against Mayor Daniel Lurie and the Office of the Mayor 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.

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Thank you.

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To: Rick Sanders; SOTF (BOS)
Cc: Somera, Alisa (BOS); Dean Schmidt (dschmi4@aol.com); MayorSunshineRequests, MYR (MYR)
Subject: RE: Notice of Hearing: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - Complaint Committee, 12/16/2025, 5:30 p.m. (File No. 25088)
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 4:29:51 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Hello, Mr. Sanders –

I see that the subject line in the Notice of Hearing before the Complaint Committee re **File 25088** stated incorrectly that the date of the meeting is 12/30/2025. I apologize! The body of the Notice states correctly that the meeting is December 16, 2025.

Please confirm that your request to have **File 25088** heard at the top of the agendized complaints is for **December 16, 2025**. Your request has been conveyed to the Chair of the committee, and it will be noted on the record at the meeting. The Chair has the discretion to decide the order in which matters are heard.

Separately, your statement and supporting documentation will be added to the record.

Thank you.

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From: Rick Sanders <sfpdrecords0@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 5:49 PM
To: SOTF (BOS) <sotf@sfgov.org>
Cc: Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Dean Schmidt (dschmi4@aol.com) <dschmi4@aol.com>
Subject: Re: Notice of Hearing: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - Complaint Committee, 12/30/2025, 5:30 p.m. (File No. 25088)

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If possible I'd like to request that my case be heard at the top of the agendized complaints or that it be postponed as I am unavailable from 6:30pm PT onwards on that day. Below is my statement and supporting documentation: As we're all aware the president of the united states has initiated a national terror campaign against our bipoc and immigrant neighbors, deploying masked agents in unmarked vehicles to terrorize communities, deport legal residents, and undocumented migrants in a racist campaign of violence nationwide. The campaign reached a fever pitch in the bay area as the president threatened to send national guard troops to San Francisco and other cities. Border patrol agents were indeed deployed to coast guard island and I saw for myself the fear this instilled and the community resistance it sparked. The Mayor reportedly had a conversation with the President after which the President decided not to send the national guard into the city. The communities impacted by this violence, racist campaign understandably want and certainly deserve to know the content and nature of this conversation.

As a result I requested a swathe of documents broad enough to capture any kind of communication, memo, or record of the conversation, meeting, or any related decision that occurred. This included phone records (not the content itself but the record), notes, memos, transcripts, names of participants on calls, emails, texts, any communications at all, documents the city received alerting it to planned federal deployment, records of the mayor's executive directive, records related to city-agency coordination, etc. In response the city has claimed literally nothing is disclosable due to attorney client privilege. The city attorney's office stated in an email in which the SOTF was cc'd on Nov 14th that "it is asserting this privilege with respect to communications between the department and its attorney."

However, as the first amendment coalition notes "not everything that passes an attorney's desk is covered by this privilege...."[i]n order for a communication to be privileged, it must be made for the purpose of the legal consultation, rather than some unrelated or ancillary purpose." Los Angeles Cty. Bd. of Supervisors v. Superior Court, 2 Cal. 5th 282, 297 (2016).

<https://firstamendmentcoalition.org/asked-and-answered/how-does-one-deal-with-cpra-request-response-denying-the-records-as-privileged/>

On Nov 17th I emailed the Mayor's office and CAT to ask which categories among those I requested the privileged records fall into. They did not respond.

The mayor's office would have us believe that every single record I requested from the category I requested (as listed above) was "made for the purpose of legal consultation." This simply cannot be the case, it's unreasonable to expect the public to believe it is the case, and thus I request that the SOTF rule this a violation of the duty to respond in a complete manner and additional ask the SOTF to ask the mayor's office how the mayor communicated with the president, what sorts of records were created or exist about that communication, how they can expect us to believe that every single record was made for the purpose of legal consultation rather than for the purpose of city business, and why we shouldn't expect them to respond to every public records request this way when they don't want to release the information.

The implication of this case is that the city can simply cc the City Attorney on anything it doesn't want to disclose which is very clearly counter to the courts interpretation of public record law.

As far as I can tell this is one in a long history of San Francisco mayors devising new and creative ways to circumvent public records law, once destroying the records, now simply claiming none of them are disclosable in the first place. Thank you.



Supervisor Records (CAT)
to Supervisor, me, MYR, SOTF ▾

Fri, Nov 14, 2:16 PM ☆ ☺ ← ⋮

Rick Sanders,

We investigated your petition to the Supervisor of Records concerning your request for public records related to communications between the **Mayor** and the President. We determined that the **Mayor's** office did not improperly withhold records. The department is not asserting an attorney-client relationship privilege exists between the **Mayor** and the President. Rather, it is asserting this privilege with respect to communications between the department and its attorney. Aside from these privileged records, no other responsive records exist. The Supervisor of Records is therefore closing this petition.

Best regards,

Supervisor of Records

Hugo Cabrera
Deputy City Attorney
Office of City Attorney David Chiu



Rick Sanders <sfprecords0@gmail.com>
to Supervisor, MYR ▾

Mon, Nov 17, 12:23 AM ☆ ☺ ← ⋮

Will the **Mayor's** office or the City Attorney please inform me which categories in the list of records I requested the privileged records fall into? For example:
1. The phone-call records
The date and time of the phone call between **Mayor** Lurie and President Trump.

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Cc: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Dean Schmidt](#) (dschmi4@aol.com); [MayorSunshineRequests](#), [MYR \(MYR\)](#)
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Thank you for the clarification, Mr. Sanders.

Your request will be noted when **Item 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Agenda Changes** is called on 12/16/2026. The Chair, in his discretion, may determine an outcome as to scheduling. We are unable to address the request via email.

Patricia Petersen (she/her)

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Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 9:19 AM
To: SOTF (BOS) <sotf@sfgov.org>
Cc: Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Dean Schmidt (dschmi4@aol.com) <dschmi4@aol.com>; MayorSunshineRequests, MYR (MYR) <mayorsunshinerequests@sfgov.org>
Subject: Re: Notice of Hearing: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - Complaint Committee, 12/16/2025, 5:30 p.m. (File No. 25088)

The request is to hear it at the top of the agenda on Dec 16th or to postpone it until the next hearing. Thanks.

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Fri, Nov 14, 2:16 PM ☆ ☺ ← ⋮

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Mon, Nov 17, 12:23 AM ☆ ☺ ← ⋮

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