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Completed by: C. Leger **Date** 12/26/23

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Sunshine Ordinance Task Force
Complaint Summary

File No. 22116

Mark Sullivan v. Bruce Wolfe - SOTF

Date filed with SOTF: 10/10/2022

Contact information (Complainant information listed first):
Mark Sullivan (info@sfneighborhoods.net) (Complainant)
Bruce Wolfe (sotf@brucewolfe.net) (Respondent)

File No. 22116 Complaint filed by Mark Sullivan against Bruce Wolfe for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.1(g) by allowing when a person or entity is before a policy body or passive meeting body, that person, and the public, has the right to an open and public process; 67.21(b) by failing to comply with a request for public information.

Petition/Complaint

Complaint Form for the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

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http://www.sfgov.org/sunshine
E-mail: sotf@sfgov.org

Deliver Form in person, mailed, faxed or e-mail.

Petitioner/Complainant Name: Mark Sullivan

Contact Information: info@sfneighborhoods.net

*(Reminder All Information **Will Be Public**. SOTF will not Redact or segregate information sent to them).*

Date of Complaint: 10-10-2022

Date of Request: 1-26-2022

City Official(s) and/or Employee(s), People and the Name Entity against whom the Complaint is being made: Bruce Wolfe at the time Chair of SOTF

Name of Custodian of Records or Person of the Organization tasked with providing records or complying with public access laws: Bruce Wolfe

Are you requesting a public hearing before the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force? Yes

"Public Access Laws" below will be San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance, San Francisco Administrative Code 12L.5, California Public Records Act and/or the Ralph M. Brown Act

If you know section(s) and subsection(s) of the public access laws that is allegedly violated Here (It is recommended to copy and paste the whole section(s) or subsection(s), but you can also put for section number (like SFSO Sec. 67.21(b)):

Mr. Wolfe has the burden of justifying the denial of access.

SFAC Sec 67.1 (g) However, when a person or entity is before a policy body or passive meeting body, that person, and the public, has the right to an open and public process.

SFAC 67.21(b) failing to comply with for a request for public information

Jurisdiction (Section and Subsection definition in public in public access laws that support jurisdiction): San Francisco Task Force

Description of alleged violations and attach any records to support your allegation(s):

This complaint is about two things: the denial of process to be considered a local media under SFAC 67.6 (f) by no action and failing to comply with for a request for public information.

1. Chair Wolfe denial of process to be considered a local media under SFAC 67.6 (f) by no action.

On February 1, 2021, I asked SOTF to be noticed of special meetings under SFAC 67.6 (f) (**Exhibit 1**).

On January 25, 2022, SOTF held a retreat "special meeting" of which SOTF did not notice me. It is very confusing of SOTF to use the word "retreat" instead of "special meeting".

On January 26, 2022, I sent Ms. Leger a reminder of my previously stated request (**Exhibit 2**). I thought nothing of it other than my request had been forgotten.

On January 26, 2022, I received e-mails from then SOTF Chair Wolfe challenging my "local media" status by asking me under what definition (**Exhibit 3**).

Two special meetings were held on June 7, 2022 (adjourn the meeting for failing to provide a video link to the meeting.) and June 13, 2022. **I received no notice.**

This complaint is not about whether I qualify as "local media" under SFAC 67.6 (f). The complaint is about the fact that I was challenged as "local media" but not given "the right to an open and public process" SFAC Sec 67.1 (g) for that determination in a timely manner so that I could be noticed for the SOTF special meetings in June 2022.

In the last e-mail of January 25, 2022 (**Exhibit 3**), Chair Wolfe states "I'm not making any decisions nor suggesting any resistance...yet.", but he made no decision nor did he inform the full task force of his non decision/challenge so that it could be properly considered. No action is denial and still is denial as I have had no open or public process. This e-mail exchange also went to Ms. Leger and then Vice Chair Yankee.

Either there should have been a process or I should have received notice of SOTF special meetings in June 2022.

2. Bruce Wolfe failing to comply with for a request for public information (Exhibit 3, Jan 26, 2022, 9:34 PM).

Since SOTF Chair Wolfe challenged my local media status, "Are you claiming "local media" status? How is this defined for you?" I gave him a definition and asked for "Do you have a different definition?" which was a request for public information that he was using to challenge my local media status. The request for information that is identifiable to a government official in his capacity as "Bruce Wolfe, Chair, SF Sunshine Ordinance Task Force" (signature in e-mails)

is a request for public information. There is no requirement to state this is a public record request or public information request. It just has to be identifiable. The question of the definition of media was central to this exchange of e-mails and denial of process. The definition of media used by SOTF is what matters.

The ignoring of my request for consideration is disrespectful and unprofessional. No member of the public should be made to be felt as irrelevant.

Petitioner's Supporting Documents

EXHIBIT 1

Subject: Re: SOTF agenda for February future agendas
From: "sfneighborhoods.net" <info@sfneighborhoods.net>
Date: 2/1/2021, 12:03 PM
To: "SOTF, (BOS)" <sotf@sfgov.org>

Thank you Ms. Leger.

My main problem is with special meetings that fall out the normal schedule of meetings. The only way for me and the public to know about these meetings is if we check in all the time or listen all the time to SOTF meetings.

I am asking to be notified of special meetings of SOTF as a local media pursuant to:

Sunshine Ordinance 67.6
(f) **Special meetings of any policy body, including advisory bodies** that choose to establish regular meeting times, may be called at any time by the presiding officer thereof or by a majority of the members thereof, by delivering personally or by mail written notice to each member of such policy body **and the local media who have requested written notice of special meetings in writing. Such notice of a special meeting shall be delivered as described in (e) at least 72 hours before the time of such meeting as specified in the notice.** The notice shall specify the time and place of the special meeting and the
business to be transacted. No other business shall be considered at such meetings. Such written notice may be dispensed with as to any member who at or prior to the time the meeting convenes files with the presiding officer or secretary of the body or commission a written waiver of notice. Such waiver may be given by telegram. Such written notice may also be dispensed with as to any member who is actually present at the meeting at the time it convenes. Each special meeting shall be held at the regular meeting place of the policy body except that the policy body may designate an alternate meeting place provided that such alternate location is specified in the notice of the special meeting; further provided that the notice of the special meeting shall be given at least 15 days prior to said special meeting being held at an alternate location. This provision shall not apply where the alternative meeting location is located within the same building as the regular meeting place.

Thank you for your help on this,

mark sullivan

On 2/1/2021 11:40 AM, SOTF, (BOS) wrote:

Here is the link to the February SOTF hearing. In the future, you can go to the Board of Supervisors' webpage and select Sunshine to get to the upcoming agendas.

Cheryl Leger
Assistant Clerk, Board of Supervisors
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-----Original Message-----
From: sfneighborhoods.net
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 10:34 AM
To: Leger, Cheryl (BOS)
Subject: SOTF agenda for February future agendas

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Hello Ms. Lerger,

Would you please send me the SOTF agenda for the February meeting when it becomes available?

Would you please send me any future agendas that have any discussion around my Complaint File Number 20131 against SOTF until the matter is closed?

Thank you,

mark sullivan

EXHIBIT 2

Subject: RE: Notification of Special Meetings
From: "SOTF, (BOS)" <sotf@sfgov.org>
Date: 1/26/2022, 12:31 PM
To: sfneighborhoods.net <info@sfneighborhoods.net>

Mr. Sullivan: The entire retreat was recorded and concluded at 10:00 PM yesterday. An Agenda was published and the meeting was open to the public. There are several items from yesterday's agenda that were not discussed and will be carried over to the next retreat. That retreat will take place in February, but at what date I do not know. You are welcome to listen in a provide public comment when that happens.

Cheryl Leger
Assistant Clerk, Board of Supervisors
[redacted]
Tel. 415-554-7724
Fax. 415-554-5163
[redacted]

From: sfneighborhoods.net <info@sfneighborhoods.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 10:59 AM
To: Leger, Cheryl (BOS) <cheryl.leger@sfgov.org>
Subject: Re: Notification of Special Meetings

Ms. Leger,

SOTF Retreat does not sound to me like SOTF Retreat meeting open to the public. I just thought you were going on a retreat not open to the public and I am sure parts were not open to the public.

Also **67.6 (f), (e) and CPRA 54956** all say to some degree "by delivering personally **or by mail written notice** to each member of such policy body **and the local media** who **have requested written notice of special meetings in writing**." and "The notice shall be delivered personally or by **any other means and shall be received at least 24** hours before the time of the meeting as specified in the notice." which seems to me that an **e-mail would suffice**. I **would just have a list of special meeting notice** e-mail addresses.

I am not upset or anything, just constantly swimming upstream with SOTF (like on the combining compliant or issues) and custodian of records violations. We just work our way through it all.

It would be great to get notice when special meetings are decided but 24 hours is all that is required by law. You can also just send me the special meeting agenda when made since it will contain all the information required by law.

I was happy to participate. I will be coming out with something soon that will help SOTF meetings go faster and should also help you.

best,
m sullivan

On 1/26/2022 10:40 AM, Leger, Cheryl (BOS) wrote:

> Mr. Sullivan: I was pleased that you were able to participate in last night's SOTF Retreat. I do not know when the second part of that meeting will take place, but probably in the near future. I will do my best to keep you posted of special meetings, however the SOTF announced a possible retreat back in December, so you were notified.
>
> Cheryl Leger
> Assistant Clerk, Board of Supervisors
> [redacted]
> Tel. 415-554-7724
> Fax. 415-554-5163
> [redacted]
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From: sfneighborhoods.net
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 10:12 AM
To: Leger, Cheryl (BOS); Bruce Wolfe (Chair, SOTF, SF); Matt Yankee
Subject: Notification of Special Meetings

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Hello Ms. Leger.

I want to remind you back in early 2022 that I wanted to be notified of any special meetings of the taskforce. Please consider this again as a standing request in writing to be notice of all special meetings that are out of the ordinary pursuant to 67.6 (f), (e) and CPRA 54956.

67.6 (f) Special meetings of any policy body, including advisory bodies that choose to establish regular meeting times, may be called at any time by the presiding officer thereof or by a majority of the members thereof, by delivering personally or by mail written notice to each member of such policy body and the local media who have requested written notice of special meetings in writing.

There is also 67.6 (e) for passive meeting bodies in case SOTF still consider itself such and CPRA 54956
(a) A special meeting may be called at any time by the presiding officer of the legislative body of a local agency, or by a majority of the members of the legislative body, by delivering written notice to each member of the legislative body and to each local newspaper of general circulation and radio or television station requesting notice in writing and posting a notice on the local agency's internet Web site, if the local agency has one. The notice shall be delivered personally or by any other means and shall be received at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting as specified in the notice. The call and notice shall specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted or discussed. No other business shall be considered at these meetings by the legislative body. The written notice may be dispensed with as to any member who at or prior to the time the meeting convenes files with the clerk or secretary of the legislative body a written waiver of notice. The waiver may be given by telegram. The written notice may also be dispensed with as to any member who is actually present at the meeting at the time it convenes.
Thank you for help in this matter,
m sullivan

EXHIBIT 3

Subject: Re: Notification of Special Meetings
From: Bruce Wolfe <sotf@brucewolfe.net>
Date: 1/26/2022, 10:43 PM
To: "sfneighborhoods.net" <info@sfneighborhoods.net>
CC: "Leger, Cheryl (BOS)" <cheryl.leger@sfgov.org>, Matt Yankee <yankeema@gmail.com>

Not sure I understand, "why does everything have to be a fight?" I have no recollection of direct or challenging interchanges between us. I'm not making any decisions nor suggesting any resistance ..yet.

You made a claim, actually a strong assertion which raises concern for me, and I asked a question out of curiosity, NOT judgement, about your status and credentials. It's a perfectly reasonable question.

The "media" is not just easily defined by a basic dictionary definition but by legality when you cite law to be complied with. The city issues press passes to the media. The definition needs to be equally corroborated by law, too.

As far as SOTF providing specific notice service, did you put this request in writing? Did you get confirmation of receipt? Our office keeps a pretty solid service list.

Best regards,

Bruce Wolfe, Chair
SF Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

(Response is very limited during business hours on business days and holidays)

On Wed, Jan 26, 2022, 9:34 PM < > wrote:

noun
a plural of .
(usually used with a plural verb) the means of communication, as radio and television, newspapers, magazines, and the internet, that reach or influence people widely:

I have multiple website on the internet, but lets go with , which I would consider local media. I am a means of communication. I do and try and influence people. I write articles.

Media is a means of communication at the heart of it.

How come everything has to be a fight? Do you have a different definition?

Look if you do not want to extend me the courtesy because you do not consider me and sfneighborhoods a means of communication trying to influence people, I don't know what. I am speechless.

Not only do I think I fit within the definition, but the courts have ruled that public access laws are to be construed broadly for greater public access and the people's right to know.

That is what I am advocating for and also for a strong Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

Respectfully please tell me where I am wrong.

m sullivan

On 1/26/2022 8:06 PM, Bruce Wolfe wrote:

Mr. Sullivan,
Are you claiming "local media" status? How is this defined for you?

SOTF has been deemed a "policy body" despite being mostly advisory as was created by ordinance in 1993 by the Board of Supervisors prior to Prop G in 1999.

Bruce Wolfe, Chair
SF Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

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On Wed, Jan 26, 2022 at 10:11 AM [redacted] wrote:

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Entries added under Calendar Year 2023

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SOTF Complaints: Ask SOTF Committee Clerk

Ords/Resos/Motions/Hearings Introduced: LRC\legislation\advanced search
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- Select radio button "between"

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- Select radio button "between"
- Manually count all appointments

Appointments Approved
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- Type: Motion
- Under History
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Leger, Cheryl (BOS)

From: SOTF, (BOS)
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 2:28 PM
To: Leger, Cheryl (BOS)
Subject: FW: Communication addition complaint sent 10/10/2022 I believe the SOTF complaint number is 22116.

From: sfneighborhoods.net <info@sfneighborhoods.net>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 1:50 PM
To: SOTF, (BOS) <sotf@sfgov.org>
Subject: Communication addition complaint sent 10/10/2022 at 2:46 PM, titled "Another Complaint Attached Please Send File Number" I believe the SOTF complaint number is 22116.

Hello Ms. Leger,

Please put this communication in the compliant packet for the complaint sent to you on 10/10/2022 at 2:46 PM, titled "Another Complaint Attached Please Send File Number" against former Chair Wolfe. "sullivan v wolfe due process special meeting.pdf". I did not get a reply back with the complaint file number so I am going off the order in SOTF Nov. communication log, I believe the SOTF complaint number is 22116.

At the time, Chair Wolfe in his 1/26/2022 e-mail (**Top of Exhibit 3**) stated:

"The "media" is not just easily defined by a basic dictionary definition but by legality when you cite law to be complied with. The city issues press passes to the media. The definition needs to be equally corroborated by law, too."

At the time, I knew that judges and lawyers do use basic dictionaries, but did not respond because the communication was not going anywhere. From the New York Times Article below in a current trial:

"And so, like anyone else, the judge resorted to Merriam-Webster. The dictionary's website, originally cited in the defense's court papers, suggested that — unlike the phrase "on behalf of" — "in behalf of" essentially means "for the benefit of."

Verdict in Trump Trial Could Come Down to Three Little Words

https://www.nytimes.com/2022/11/30/nyregion/trump-organization-trial-weisselberg.html

Ben Protess, Jonah E. Bromwich and William K. Rashbaum

Wed, November 30, 2022 at 11:09 AM·5 min read

NEW YORK — Despite all the talk of fancy apartments, free Mercedes-Benzes and cash flowing at Christmastime, the criminal tax fraud trial of Donald Trump's family business could come down to three mundane words: "in behalf of."

The company stands accused of doling out those off-the-books perks to several executives, who failed to pay taxes on them. The scheme's architect — the Trump Organization's longtime chief financial officer, Allen H. Weisselberg — pleaded guilty and testified at trial.

The company, however, is not automatically guilty of his crimes. Under New York law, prosecutors with the Manhattan district attorney's office must prove that Weisselberg committed his many felonies "in behalf of" the Trump Organization, a clunky phrase that the judge overseeing the case has, in something of an understatement, called "a confusing area of the law."

Ordinarily, when a company's financial whiz becomes a star witness against it, things are not looking great. But if the Trump Organization has any hope of an acquittal or a hung jury after weeks of embarrassing revelations, it rests on this phrase, which has set off fierce semantic debate. The company's lawyers have argued that the prosecution must prove that Weisselberg intended to benefit the corporation when he engineered the scheme — and that "in behalf of" can mean nothing else.

Ultimately, it falls to the judge, Juan Merchan, to decode the mystifying words. And in court Tuesday, with the jurors absent, he appeared to agree with the defense's interpretation.

What prosecutors will need to show, he said, "is there was some intent to benefit the corporation."

He added, however, that prosecutors need not prove that helping the Trump Organization had been Weisselberg's primary goal, thwarting the defense's most far-reaching argument.

Merchan is an even-keeled, gray-haired jurist who has presided over a broad array of cases, including two base jumpers who leaped from One World Trade Center and a man stabbed to death with a fork. This trial, however, has uniquely high-stakes implications: It has enraged the former president and his ranks of fervent supporters and could permanently stain his family business while reverberating through the 2024 presidential campaign.

And it might all come down to four head-scratching syllables.

Already, Merchan has said the company's lawyers can tell jurors in their closing arguments Thursday that prosecutors failed to prove that Weisselberg intended to benefit the company. And once the jurors start deliberating in the coming days, if they express confusion about the meaning of "in behalf of," the judge may well use the defense's preferred "intent" interpretation to clarify.

In addition to proving that Weisselberg was acting "in behalf of" the Trump Organization, New York criminal law requires that prosecutors establish that he was a "high managerial agent" of the company and that he committed the crimes "within the scope of his employment." Neither of those requirements is much in dispute.

But the prosecution and the defense spent weeks dissecting and debating the meaning of "in behalf of": The company's lawyers have called it "unconstitutionally vague," while the prosecution argued that the defense had "misstated the law" to the jury.

Even the judge pointed out that "this statute has been on the books for a long time, and to my knowledge, this really hasn't been argued to the extent it's being argued now."

There is little in New York law — or in past cases — that clarifies the meaning, Merchan noted when he first addressed the issue in October. The few cases that exist were either irrelevant to the Trump trial or, in his mind, were decided in error.

And so, like anyone else, the judge resorted to Merriam-Webster. The dictionary's website, originally cited in the defense's court papers, suggested that — unlike the phrase "on behalf of" — "in behalf of" essentially means "for the benefit of."

The judge also consulted various legal treatises, one of which, he said, had found that the "in behalf of" phrase "should limit corporate liability to the conduct engaged in for the corporation's benefit and not mere personal gain."

The debate heated up last week when prosecutors and defense lawyers laid out their contrasting interpretations — and whether Weisselberg's testimony helped or hurt them.

A prosecutor, Joshua Steinglass, disputed the defense's contention that he had to prove that Weisselberg intended to benefit the Trump Organization — or show that the corporation did indeed benefit. Nevertheless, he said, there was "ample evidence of both."

Weisselberg, for example, testified that the perks saved the company money in taxes. Weisselberg also subtracted the cost of some benefits from his overall compensation, essentially repaying the company.

Yet a defense lawyer, Alan Futerfas, noted that Weisselberg had repeatedly testified that he acted for his own benefit, not for the company or the Trump family. Prosecutors have not accused Trump or anyone in his family of taking part in the scheme.

On the witness stand, Weisselberg also admitted to betraying the company that had employed him for decades and acknowledged that Trump did not authorize him to carry out the scheme. When Futerfas asked Weisselberg, "Were you reducing your compensation because you didn't want to hurt the company?" he responded, "No, my intention was to save pretax dollars."

When making his case to the judge last week, Futerfas also argued that the language of the New York law itself was so confounding that the case should be thrown out.

"All parties have struggled to determine what those words mean, particularly in the context of this case," he said, adding that it was "very difficult, almost impossible" to ascertain what had been intended by legislators when they wrote the law in the 1960s.

Adam Kaufmann, a prosecutor in the Manhattan district attorney's office for nearly two decades who oversaw white-collar cases as the chief of its investigations division, said the "in behalf of" issue seldom arose, because the actions of high-ranking officials in such cases almost always benefit a company.

"It's not an issue that I recall seeing before," Kaufmann said.

Respondent’s Response

From:	Bruce Wolfe <sotf@brucewolfe.net>
Sent:	Monday, September 25, 2023 5:07 AM
To:	SOTF, (BOS)
Cc:	sfneighborhoods.net; jenn.sotf@gmail.com; Matt Yankee
Subject:	Re: SOTF - Complaint Filed with the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - File No. 22116
Attachments:	SOTF-continue-combine_22115-22116_BruceWolfe.pdf; 22116-Sullivan-v-Wolfe_Response-Letter.pdf; 22116-Email_DenialOfProcess-RequestForInfo.pdf; Affirmation Letter 22116.pdf

Please find my documents and affirmation letter attached as per my previous message on September 18, 2023.

Bruce Wolfe, Seat 11 - Disability Representative
SF Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

(Please note that I do not check this email account daily, on weekends and holidays and other times. For immediate disclosure requests and other urgent matters related to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, please email sotf@sfgov.org.)
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On Fri, Sep 22, 2023 at 3:49 PM Bruce Wolfe <sotf@brucewolfe.net> wrote:

> A typo, "I was in receipt of the notice on Monday, Sept 8, 2023"
> It was **Sept 18th, 2023**.
>
> ***Bruce Wolfe, Seat 11 - Disability Representative***
> ***SF Sunshine Ordinance Task Force***
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> On Fri, Sep 22, 2023 at 3:47 PM Bruce Wolfe <sotf@brucewolfe.net> wrote:
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>> A typo. It is supposed to be C(8).
>> I had asked for this continuance on Monday. Today is Friday and the agenda is posted.
>> Also, scheduling the hearing just 7 business days before sending out the notice where a timeline for requesting continuance upon receipt of the notice is 5 or more business days is unreasonable. I was in receipt of the notice on Monday, Sept 8, 2023.
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>> This is too short notice in general and not a usual practice for SOTF.
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On Thu, Sep 21, 2023 at 3:13 PM Matt Yankee <myankee.sotf@gmail.com> wrote:

Member Wolfe,

Can you please clarify the section of the Complaint Procedures you are referring to? Your email noted Section C(5) which states the following:

5. After hearing all testimonies, the SOTF shall determine if violations of the Sunshine Ordinance have occurred and/or provide other directives as needed. Orders stated at the conclusion of the SOTF complaint hearing are effective immediately and compliance is required within 5 business days of the hearing. The task force will also notify the parties by email of their orders on the business day following the hearing. A memorandum summarizing the reasoning behind the decision and order may be issued by the Task Force at a later date.

I'm not sure that section is relevant at this point in the process.

Thanks,

Matt

On Thu, Sep 21, 2023 at 2:33 PM Bruce Wolfe <sotf@brucewolfe.net> wrote:

Correction, request sent Monday, Sept 18, 2023.

Bruce Wolfe, Seat 11 - Disability Representative
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Dear Cheryl,
I've received no confirmation of receipt of my request of Friday, Sept 15, 2023. Please respond.

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SF Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

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To: SOTF Administrator
Re: Request for continuance and to combine Files 22115 & 22116

Dear Ms. Leger,
Please submit for the record regarding these two complaints and deliver to the appropriate committee chair, and SOTF Chair and Co-Chair.

My submission is based on previous communications expressing receipt of the notice and it being a holiday over two days I observe plus dealing with a disability this being the earliest I could submit.

I am requesting a continuance as noticed on Monday, September 18th, 2023 to which I received no response to date from the Petitioner/Complainant or SOTF Office. I have another appointment that was scheduled in advance with other people that could not be rescheduled on such short notice, in addition, requesting disability accommodation as I have no staff or other persons to help me with the writing and typing, no less, ability to work on this on a regular basis in this timeframe due to my health condition.

I would appreciate every consideration in this request to another day or committee as appropriate.

I am also requesting these two complaints, File #22115 & #22116, be combined as they pertain and involve the same parties around the same issues and information. The issues alleged are part and parcel to the same flow of activity and communications as noted in the complaint. It would then also save some time.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Regards,

Bruce M. Wolfe, MSW
Seat 11, Disability Representative

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To: SOTF Administrator
Re: Response to Complaint File #22116 - Sullivan v Wolfe

Dear Ms. Leger,

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My submission is based on previous communications expressing the timing of the complaint notice and notice to appear, and it being a holiday over two days I observe plus dealing with a disability this being the earliest I could submit.

The Petitioner/Complainant claims that I denied them "process to be considered a local media" and "failing to comply with for a request a request for public information."

This is factually incorrect.

While the complaint may be within the jurisdiction of the SOTF, **I contend there was no wrongdoing or non-compliance on my part as SOTF Chair (at the time) with regards to this complaint and, respectfully, request that this complaint be DISMISSED**.

First, I was not party to the "request for public information" on January 26, 2022 as the Petitioner/Complainant claims. The "request" was made to SOTF Administrator Cheryl Leger and didn't appear to be a request but a reminder from the Petitioner/Complainant, as follows:"I want to remind you back in early 2022 that I wanted to be notified of any special meetings of the taskforce." If you read the rest of the message in this email to Ms. Leger it merely makes citations of law. There is no request or question being posed even in the subject line of the message.

The Petitioner/Complainant's claim that his question on January 26, 2022 @ 9:34pm, "How come everything has to be a fight? Do you have a different definition?" is their "request for information" to me. To me it, I perceived it as a rhetorical question that required no answer and I wasn't seeking to and didn't take any action. My inquiry was just out of pure personal interest and curiosity based on his assertion to Ms. Leger, not me, that he should have been noticed for special meetings and I'd never heard them describe themself as local media. This was all predicated on my inquiry just before on January 26, 2022 @ 8:06pm. "Are you claiming "local media" status? How is this defined for you?"

Second, I never denied process to the Petitioner/Complainant based on any status. I simply replied, "You made a claim, actually a strong assertion which raises concern for me, and I asked a question out of curiosity, **NOT** judgement, about your status and credentials. It's a

perfectly reasonable question.“ It was purely just that, curiosity and reasonable, as I hadn’t heard before the Petitioner/Complainant ever refer to themself as “local media”. And, the Sunshine Ordinance uses that term. There was no harm in the inquiry.

I have never, ever challenged anyone about their media or journalist status. All I know about it with regards to City Hall is that press passes are issued by some department. I’ve worked with all the journalist representatives on SOTF since 2005 plus many local journalists and the infrequent national media. I’ve no knowledge of anyone who has had any concern of my respect and consideration about their media status. This includes former SOTF Member Josh Wolf who himself, a local video blogger, was imprisoned for doing his job and protecting his work. He was integral to the expansion of journalism to not be just mainstream media corporations. I also have been writing articles for years for my local neighborhood group that gets distributed widely in print and online. So, I guess I’m considered “local media”, too?

I just find no merit in this allegation. I didn’t challenge or block or deny or take any action to prevent the Petitioner/Complainant access to anything. There are no facts in this complaint to show that I did.

My statement that “I'm not making any decisions nor suggesting any resistance...yet.“ was clearly stating that I had no intention to take any action at that time. Nothing more. If there was anything more that was reported to me about it then there maybe something was required but nothing transpired from it except the subsequent IDR in February that is discussed in File #22115.

In fact, in the Petitioner/Complainant’s complaint details they state, “...he made no decision…”. And, I had no need to inform SOTF because there was no evidence of any action to be taken as I told them. No decision or action was made at all.

There was no direct request for information in the email messages of January 26, 2022 as described in the Sunshine Ordinance or Administrative Code 67.21 et seq. So, there was no process to deny.

Again, I find no justification for either of the allegations this complaint is making.

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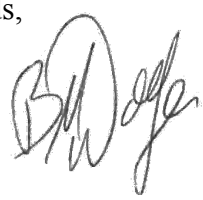
Regards,



Bruce M. Wolfe, MSW
Seat 11, Disability Representative

Gmail

Bruce Wolfe <sotf@brucewolfe.net>

Notification of Special Meetings

Bruce Wolfe <sotf@brucewolfe.net> Wed, Jan 26, 2022 at 10:43 PM
To: "sfneighborhoods.net" <info@sfneighborhoods.net>
Cc: "Leger, Cheryl (BOS)" <cheryl.leger@sfgov.org>, Matt Yankee <yankeema@gmail.com>

Not sure I understand, "why does everything have to be a fight?" I have no recollection of direct or challenging interchanges between us. I'm not making any decisions nor suggesting any resistance...yet.

You made a claim, actually a strong assertion which raises concern for me, and I asked a question out of curiosity, **NOT** judgement, about your status and credentials. It's a perfectly reasonable question.

The "media" is not just easily defined by a basic dictionary definition but by legality when you cite law to be complied with. The city issues press passes to the media. The definition needs to be equally corroborated by law, too.

As far as SOTF providing specific notice service, did you put this request in writing? Did you get confirmation of receipt? Our office keeps a pretty solid service list.

Best regards,

Bruce Wolfe, Chair
SF Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

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On Wed, Jan 26, 2022, 9:34 PM sfneighborhoods.net <info@sfneighborhoods.net> wrote:

> https://www.dictionary.com/browse/media
>
> noun
> a plural of medium.
> (usually used with a plural verb) the means of communication, as radio and television, newspapers, magazines, and the internet, that reach or influence people widely:
>
> I have multiple website on the internet, but lets go with sfneighborhoods.net, which I would consider local media. I am a means of communication. I do and try and influence people. I write articles.
>
> Media is a means of communication at the heart of it.
>
> How come everything has to be a fight? Do you have a different definition?
>
> Look if you do not want to extend me the courtesy because you do not consider me and sfneighborhoods a means of communication trying to influence people, I don't know what. I am speechless.
>
> Not only do I think I fit within the definition, but the courts have ruled that public access laws are to be construed broadly for greater public access and the people's right to know.
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> That is what I am advocating for and also for a strong Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.
>
> Respectfully please tell me where I am wrong.
>
> m sullivan
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On 1/26/2022 8:06 PM, Bruce Wolfe wrote:

Mr. Sullivan,
Are you claiming "local media" status? How is this defined for you?

SOTF has been deemed a "policy body" despite being mostly advisory as was created by ordinance in 1993 by the Board of Supervisors prior to Prop G in 1999.

Bruce Wolfe, Chair
SF Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

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On Wed, Jan 26, 2022 at 10:11 AM sfneighborhoods.net <info@sfneighborhoods.net> wrote:

Hello Ms. Leger,

I want to remind you back in early 2022 that I wanted to be notified of any special meetings of the taskforce. Please consider this again as a standing request in writing to be notice of all special meetings that are out of the ordinary pursuant to 67.6 (f), (e) and CPRA 54956.

67.6 (f) Special meetings of any policy body, including advisory bodies that choose to establish regular meeting times, may be called at any time by the presiding officer thereof or by a majority of the members thereof, by delivering personally or by mail written notice to each member of such policy body and the **local media who have requested written notice of special meetings in writing.**

There is also 67.6 (e) for passive meeting bodies in case SOTF still consider itself such and CPRA 54956

(a) A special meeting may be called at any time by the presiding officer of the legislative body of a local agency, or by a majority of the members of the legislative body, by delivering written notice to each member of the legislative body and to each local newspaper of general circulation and radio or television station requesting notice in writing and posting a notice on the local agency's Internet Web site, if the local agency has one. The notice shall be delivered personally or by any other means and shall be received at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting as specified in the notice. The call and notice shall specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted or discussed. No other business shall be considered at these meetings by the legislative body. The written notice may be dispensed with as to any member who at or prior to the time the meeting convenes files with the clerk or secretary of the legislative body a written waiver of notice. The waiver may be given by telegram. The written notice may also be dispensed with as to any member who is actually present at the meeting at the time it convenes.

Thank you for help in this matter,

m sullivan

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September 15, 2023

Bruce Wolfe
Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

Re: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, File No. 22116

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

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File No. 22116 Complaint filed by Mark Sullivan against Bruce Wolfe for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.1(g) by allowing when a person or entity is before a policy body or passive meeting body, that person, and the public, has the right to an open and public process; 67.21(b) by failing to comply with a request for public information.

Please choose ONE answer. You may, if you wish, also attach any additional explanation.

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

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Please respond within the next five business days of the date to this notice, with your acknowledgment. If it is not received within five business days, we will assume that you have acknowledged no-contest.

Very Truly Yours,

Matthew Yankee, Chair
Sunshine Ordnance Task Force

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cc: Mark Sullivan, Petitioner

Leger, Cheryl (BOS)

From:	SOTF, (BOS)
Sent:	Friday, September 15, 2023 9:12 AM
To:	Bruce Wolfe
Cc:	sfneighborhoods.net; myankee.sotf@gmail.com; jenn.sotf@gmail.com
Subject:	SOTF - Complaint Filed with the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - File No. 22116
Attachments:	SOTF - Complaint Procedure 2019-10-02 FINAL.pdf; Preparing SOTF Respondent Materials FINAL for PILOT.pdf; 22116 Complaint.pdf; Affirmation Letter 22116.pdf

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cc: Mark Sullivan, Petitioner

Leger, Cheryl (BOS)

From:	SOTF, (BOS)
To:	Tucker, John (FIR); Miles Rochford; Toomey, William (POL); TEAM; pmonette-shaw; joe.dworetzky@baycitynews.com; HSHSunshine; Schneider, Dylan (HOM); Hamilton, Jeffrey (HOM); Lim, Victor (DPH); Colfax, Grant (DPH); Bruce Wolfe; sfneighborhoods.net; Heckel, Hank (MYR)
Subject:	SOTF - Updated - Notice of Appearance - Education, Outreach and Training Committee: September 26, 2023, 5:30 p.m. REGULAR MEETING; City Hall, Room 408

Good Afternoon:

Notice is also hereby given that the Education, Outreach and Training Committee (Committee) of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (Task Force) shall hold hearings on the complaints listed below 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 Task Force. ***PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE.***

Date: September 26, 2023

Location: Room 408, City Hall

Time: 5:30 p.m.

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.

Complaints:

File No. 23063 Complaint filed by Patrick Monette-Shaw against Daniel Bernal and the Health Commission for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21 by failing to provide responsive records in a timely and/or complete manner.

File No. 23060: Complaint filed by Joe Dworetzky against the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21, by failing to respond to a request for public records in a timely and/or complete manner.

File No. 22129 Complaint filed by SFSafe against the Police Department for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.25, by failing to respond to an Immediate Disclosure Request for public records in a timely and/or complete manner.

File No. 23055: Complaint filed by Miles Rochford against the Fire Department for allegedly violating the Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21, by failing to respond to a request for public records in a timely and/or complete manner.

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Documentation (evidence supporting/disputing complaint)

For a document to be considered, it must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing (see attached Public Complaint Procedure).

For inclusion into the agenda packet, supplemental/supporting documents must be received by 5:00 pm, September 20, 2023.

Cheryl Leger
Assistant Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Tel: 415-554-7724

Leger, Cheryl (BOS)

From:	Bruce Wolfe <sotf@brucewolfe.net>
Sent:	Monday, September 18, 2023 6:14 PM
To:	SOTF, (BOS)
Cc:	sfneighborhoods.net; myankee.sotf@gmail.com; jenn.sotf@gmail.com; Bruce Wolfe
Subject:	Re: SOTF - Complaint Filed with the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - File No. 22116
Attachments:	image001.png

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To: SOTF, (BOS)
Cc: Heckel, Hank (MYR)
Subject: Re: SOTF - Updated - Notice of Appearance - Education, Outreach and Training Committee: September 26, 2023, 5:30 p.m. REGULAR MEETING; City Hall, Room 408

Hello Ms. Leger,

I have a hard I have to leave at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 and that is also predicated on that I can call in Education, Outreach and Training Committee meeting.

Sincerely,
Mark Sullivan

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File No. 23055: Complaint filed by Miles Rochford against the Fire Department for allegedly violating the Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21, by failing to respond to a request for public records in a timely and/or complete manner.

File No. 22115 Complaint filed by Mark Sullivan against Bruce Wolfe for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21(e) by failing to provide access to the requested records; 67.25 by failing to respond to an Immediate Disclosure Request in a complete and timely manner; California Public Records Act 6253(d) for willful delay and obstruction to access of a public record.

File No. 22116 Complaint filed by Mark Sullivan against Bruce Wolfe for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.1(g) by allowing when a person or entity is before a policy body or passive meeting body, that person, and the public, has the right to an open and public process; 67.21(b) by failing to comply with a request for public information.

Documentation (evidence supporting/disputing complaint)

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For inclusion into the agenda packet, supplemental/supporting documents must be received by 5:00 pm, September 20, 2023.

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