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Commission Streamlining Task Force Members,

I suspect you may know the limitations of Prop E and what the Commission Streamlining Task Force can not do regarding government bodies like the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force that were created by voter initiative. I write to create a public record and documentation of the city administrative code on **Prop E** and city administrative code **Section 14.100.1. Initiatives**.

In your list of commission bodies, you list, for example, the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force as created by ordinance. This is partially correct, but leaves out that the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force was created by initiative/ordinance, which is important.

#### **SEC. 4.100.1. COMMISSION STREAMLINING TASK FORCE.**

(e) ....“During its tenure, the Streamlining Task Force shall have the authority to introduce one or more ordinances to effectuate its recommendations relating to the elimination, consolidation, or revision of any appointive board or commission established by ordinance, **other than any appointive board or commission that was established or amended by the adoption of an ordinance approved by the voters and cannot be amended or rescinded without voter approval.** Such ordinance(s) shall go into effect 90 days after the date of introduction unless before the expiration of the 90-day period two-thirds of all members of the Board of Supervisors vote to disapprove the ordinance.”

**(bold above is for emphasis)**

**Section 4.100.1 (e)** “other than any appointive board or commission that was established or amended by the adoption of an ordinance approved by the voters and cannot be amended or rescinded without voter approval.” exists because of **San Francisco City Administrative Code, Section 14.101, INITIATIVES**. The second sentence in the above provision of **Section 4.100.1 (e)** refers to ordinances that the Streamlining Task Force can introduce.

**San Francisco City Administrative Code, Section 14.101, INITIATIVES** (\*part of the city charter\*)

“No initiative or declaration of policy approved by the voters shall be subject to veto, or to amendment or repeal except by the voters, unless such initiative or declaration of policy shall otherwise provide.”

The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force was created by “initiative or declaration of policy approved by the voters” in the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance under Proposition G (November 2, 1999). The San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance only allows veto, or amendment

or repeal it except by the voters. There are no provisions in the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance that otherwise provides veto, or amendment or repeal by a city government body. The Board of Supervisors can confer greater but not lesser powers to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force under **Section 67.30**.

## **SEC. 67.30 THE SUNSHINE ORDINANCE TASK FORCE**

(d) “In addition to the powers specified above, the Task Force shall possess such powers as the Board of Supervisors may confer upon it by ordinance or as the People of San Francisco shall confer upon it by initiative.”

The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force succeeds every time it votes for public access to city records and meetings.

The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force can be made effective through the full application of the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance. One example, **San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance Section 67.21 (e)** “The Board of Supervisors and the City Attorney's office shall provide sufficient staff and resources to allow the Sunshine Task Force to fulfill its duties under this provision.” This clause has never been implemented. The **Section 67.21 (e)** is a primary provision for implementation of the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance and spells out action and timelines. An example, task force orders that require a 5-day compliance stated in this provision, are beyond the volunteer task force capability of enforcing. The clause uses the word “shall”: “shall provide sufficient staff and resources to allow the Sunshine Task Force to fulfill its duties under this provision.”

The sufficient staffing in this provision should not be confused with the Board of Clerk providing a clerk for administrative duties or the City Attorney's Office providing an attorney for legal advice to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, neither of which are capable of fulfillment of duties under the specific provisions of **Section 67.21 (e)**. The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force attorney's advice and work is not public. City officials following all provisions of the Sunshine Ordinance, the California Public Record Act, and The Brown Act and orders of the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance Task Force would increase the efficiency of the government and commission. Many city officials and commissioners are mandated to take the City Attorney's Office public access laws training.

Sincerely,

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