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Ed Harrington, Chair
Commission Streamlining Task Force
c/o City Administrator's Office
City Hall, Room 316
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4694

Re: Streamlining Task Force Found Having Violated Open Government Laws

Dear Chair Harrington and Commission Streamlining Task Force,

On December 12, 2025 the Commission Streamlining Task Force held a “*Special Meeting*,” during which it improperly discussed and took action on the “*Reentry Council*,” which had not been publicly noticed anywhere on its agenda.

At 3:01:00 on the Streamlining Task Force’s December 12 meeting audiotape, Task Force Chair Ed Harrington introduced a motion to bring back the Reentry Council for further discussion and action at a *future* meeting to see if they wanted to change their initial recommendation to eliminate the Reentry Council. Harrington’s motion for a future meeting was seconded. But Streamlining Task Force member Sophia Kittler hijacked and subverted Harrington’s motion, by interjecting, saying:

“*Separating ‘best practices vs. Brown Act’ rules ... would it be inappropriate for us to discuss this today?*”

Given Kittler’s mention of the Brown Act, she appears to have had foreknowledge the Streamlining Task Force was prohibited from taking action on an item not on the published meeting agenda. But Harrington, as Chair of the meeting, allowed Kittler to override the Brown act, and City Attorney Jon Givner went along with the ruse, when Givner should have stopped it dead in its track before violating the Sunshine Ordinance *and* the Brown Act.

The Sunshine Task Force ruled in my favor on February 4, finding that the Streamlining Task Force had, in fact, violated both San Francisco’s Sunshine and California’s Brown Act, that both prohibited discussing, or taking action, during a “*Special Meeting*” on any item that is **NOT** listed on the published meeting agenda. The Sunshine Task Force ruled:

File No. 25130: Complaint filed by Patrick Monette-Shaw against the Commission Streamlining Task Force, Ed Harrington, Sophia Kittler and Deputy City Attorney Jon Givner for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.7, by failing to post an agenda at least 72 hours before a regular meeting containing a meaningful description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting.

Action: Moved by Member Schimdt, seconded by Member Pilpel, to find that the Commission Streamlining Task Force violated Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.6(f) and Brown Act Section 54956(a), by failing to adequately describe possible actions for an item on the agenda and for taking action on that item at the same meeting. The motion PASSED.

Don’t forget: In our democracy “*We the People*” will get the final word, one way or another — whether this Streamlining Task Force — or Kittler — likes it, or not!

Shame on this Streamlining Task Force for knowingly and willfully violating our open meeting laws!

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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