

ETHICS COMMISSION CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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PAUL A. RENNE VICE-CHAIRPERSON August 8, 2014

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COMMISSIONER

John Rahaim, Director San Francisco Planning Department 1650 Mission Street, #400 San Francisco, CA 94103

BEVERLY HAYON COMMISSIONER

RE: Ethics Complaint No. 02-140228

PETER KEANE COMMISSIONER

JOHN ST. CROIX
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Director Rahaim:

On February 28, 2014, the Ethics Commission received a referral from the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (*Sunshine Complaint No. 13024*) alleging that you violated sections 67.21(a) and 67.29-7 of the Sunshine Ordinance.

On July 28, 2014, the Ethics Commission held a public hearing pursuant to Chapter Three of the Ethics Commission's Regulations for Handling Violations of the Sunshine Ordinance ("Regulations"). During the hearing, the Commission found that you committed a non-willful violation of section 67.21(a) of the Sunshine Ordinance because you did not permit a public record to be inspected and examined without unreasonable delay. The Commission found that there was not sufficient evidence to support a finding that there was a violation of section 67.29-7 of the Sunshine Ordinance.

The Commission also directed staff to issue this warning letter, prepare the attached order, and notify the Planning Commission of this violation, pursuant to Chapter Three, section III.C of the Regulations. I have posted the Commission's finding that you violated the Sunshine Ordinance on the Commission's website.

In notifying you of this violation, the Commission instructs you to cease and desist from failing to permit public records to be inspected and examined without unreasonable delay. The Commission also urges you and Planning Department staff to comply with the requirements of the California Public Records Act, Brown Act, and the Sunshine Ordinance.

If you have any questions regarding those requirements, you may wish to seek advice either from this office or the Office of the City Attorney.

Sincerely

John St. Croix Executive Director

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Cc (e-mail): Mica Ringel, Complainant

Planning Commission

Victor Young, Administrator, Sunshine Ordinance Task Force