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The Honorable Rafael Mandelman
President, San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear President Mandelman,

This is an Immediate Disclosure Request for Public Records under San Francisco’s Sunshine Ordinance, the California Public Records Act, Proposition 59, and the Brown Act.

On March 25, 2026, I placed a records request to Supervisor Mandelman’s Office requesting:

“Any and all analysis and reports documenting in list form which of the Streamlining Task Force’s recommendations have been deemed by the Board of Supervisors to be “*controversial*.”

On March 26, your legislative Aide Renil Bejoy responded, saying “**No responsive records exist.**”

During the Board of Supervisors “*Committee of the Whole*” hearing on the “*Prop. E Streamlining Task Force’s Final Report and Charter Amendment*” agenda item on March 17, 2026 during your opening, prefatory remarks, Supervisor Mandelman stated:

“[He had] asked the City Attorney’s Office to begin working with us on drafting a Charter Amendment to implement some of the recommendations [in the Streamlining Task Force’s recommendations in its] “*Final Report*,” and “*there are in that report and in that Charter Amendment a host of recommendations that are non-controversial.*”

As a reminder, the Streamlining Task Force, by its own admission, made 800-plus decisions regarding what would be recommended in its Final Report.

On May 14, 2026 the *San Francisco Chronicle* published an article quoting Supervisor Mandelman as having said:

“*Board President Rafael Mandelman said he and his colleagues have been working over the last several months to draft such a [Charter Amendment] measure, which he plans to introduce next week.*

Mandelman said the charter amendment he plans to put forward will shy away from some of the task force’s most controversial recommendations, including proposed changes to the Police Commission and Sheriff’s Department Oversight Board.

Most of the items and issues that have provoked the greatest concerns have been addressed and removed" from the charter amendment, Mandelman told the Chronicle."

"The current draft includes roughly '150 changes to the charter, but I think they're going to be consensus, proper-functioning-of-government changes that shouldn't send anyone into the stratosphere,' [Mandelman] added."

Under the Sunshine Ordinance, please provide:

1. Again, any and all analysis and reports documenting in list form which of the Streamlining Task Force's recommendations have been deemed by the Board of Supervisors to be "***non-controversial***."
2. A list of Board of Supervisor members, their staff, and any other City employees who was involved in drafting the list of changes that Mandelman said he and his colleagues have been working over the last several months to **draft such a [Charter Amendment] measure** and plan to introduce next week.
3. A list of the **roughly '150 changes to the charter included in the current draft' Mandelman intends to introduce next week.**
4. A redline version of the Charter Amendment submitted by the Streamlining Task Force showing strikeouts of which recommendations in the Task Force's Final Report are being eliminated from the revised Charter Amendment Mandelman and his unnamed colleagues are introducing next week.

If no redline version exists, alternatively please provide a list showing the precise recommendations proposed by the Task Force that are being eliminated from the replacement Charter Amendment supervisor Mandelman et. al have developed for introduction next week, assuming here, that such a list of recommendations the Task Force made that are being eliminated and **not** advanced to the voters would be a useful "*marketing tool*" to drum up support from voters about which "*controversial*" elements of the Task Force's recommendations were deemed to be too "*stratospheric*" to be included in the final proposed Charter Amendment to be put before voters.

5. The draft version currently available of the replacement Charter Amendment that Mandelman intends to introduce next week, that the City Attorney's Office may have approved as being "*true to form*" as a replacement to the Charter Amendment submitted by the Commission Streamlining Task Force.

Thank you.

Patrick Monette-Shaw
Columnist/Reporter
Westside Observer Newspaper