

March 21, 2025

Rules Committee

City and County of San Francisco

Dear Members of the Rules Committee,

I'm submitting the following official statement to be read at the Regular Meeting on Monday, March 24, 2025:

Unfortunately, due to short notice and my responsibilities as the sole provider for a young family with children, I am unable to rearrange my travel schedule to attend the hearing in person. However, I remain deeply committed to serving on the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force and would gladly engage virtually or in any other available manner.

San Francisco residents have repeatedly demonstrated their willingness to support city programs and initiatives by approving new bonds and taxes, generously entrusting the government with their hard-earned wages. It is crucial that we honor this trust by spending taxpayer money ethically, responsibly, and transparently. When citizens file a Sunshine request, we should have nothing to hide. All relevant documents and information should be readily accessible, timely, and clear.

Throughout my career as a product manager at Intuit, I've gained extensive experience translating complex regulatory and legal language into clear, understandable information for everyday people. Additionally, I successfully collaborated with the City of Berkeley to approve a pioneering software-based micro-bond program, enabling local residents to directly invest in municipal bonds typically reserved for large institutions, thereby promoting civic engagement and financial transparency.

I deeply care about San Francisco and feel a personal responsibility to contribute positively to our city, which is why I am eager to join the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. I am committed to ensuring our government remains accountable, trusted, and transparent for all residents—especially as I raise my family here and invest in the city's future.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,
Kartik Sathappan