

**Evans, Derek**

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**From:** Stephen Shearer <stephen.shearer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 11:36 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Evans, Derek; Tang, Katy (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS)  
**Subject:** Nomination of Leuwam Tesfai to Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

To the Rules Committee:

Hello,

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on the nomination of Leuwam Tesfai to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

As a resident of San Francisco, I believe Leuwam has the qualities, experience, and shared vision of our city that exemplify the ideal Task Force member. During the ten years I have known Leuwam, I have been consistently impressed by her honesty, sincerity, and pursuit of truth. She has shown a dedication to public service in both her career, as an attorney for the Public Utilities Commission, and her volunteer work, serving on the board of the League of Women Voters of San Francisco. Additionally, Leuwam's education and experience working for the state of California have provided the background, insight, and integrity required of this position.

I am honored to call Leuwam a close friend. Thank you for your consideration of Leuwam Tesfai for this position. She could not be more excited for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

-Stephen Shearer  
475 Dolores St. #6  
San Francisco, CA 94110

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** kimocrossman@gmail.com on behalf of Kimo Crossman <kimo@webnetic.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 12:10 PM  
**To:** Evans, Derek; Tang, Katy (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Pmonette-shaw  
**Subject:** Comments on the application by David Pilpel for the SF Sunshine Taskforce to BOS Rules Committee

Dear Mr. Evans, Rules Committee Assistant Clerk

Please make this part of the file for the relevant Rules meeting to discuss David Pilpel's application to the SF Sunshine Taskforce. And please distribute this in real-time to the relevant Supervisor's offices.

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I am active in San Francisco open government matters and the Northern California chapter of the Society of Professional Journalism's Freedom of Information Committee. I have been before the San Francisco Sunshine Taskforce many times and won most of my cases.

Other local activity: resulted in San Francisco capturing an additional \$3.5Million in property taxes.  
<http://calaware.org/whistleblower-rights/a-35-million-tweet-from-an-amazing-whistle>

I wish to warn the Supervisors on the Rule Committee about my opinion regarding David Pilpel's bias against open government and frequent tendency to disrupt proceedings during his prior time on the taskforce. I type slowly, so I don't have time to get into all the meetings in which we've crossed paths but would strongly recommend that Mr. Pilpel not be selected for a seat on the taskforce. I feel it would be better to leave the seat open for future appointments than to appoint him. I think if you ask most San Francisco Open Government citizens and many members on the taskforce you will hear similar feedback.

Thank you for dedicating a portion of your life to give back to the community by being in government. Let's make choices that can improve the operation and transparency of San Francisco!

*Sincerely,*

Kimo Crossman  
[kimo@webnetic.net](mailto:kimo@webnetic.net)  
15-year San Francisco voter

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Mark Y. Goh <markygoh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 11:33 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Evans, Derek; Tang, Katy (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS)  
**Subject:** Sunshine Taskforce Ordinance Nomination - In Support of Leuwam Tesfai

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email in support of Leuwam Tesfai for a seat on the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. I have known Leuwam Tesfai for over ten years and during that time she has consistently shown dedication to public service. We attended college together and I recall her spending her summers advocating for workers rights and serving as a legal intern focusing on environmental and social issues. Since moving to San Francisco and attending law school, Leuwam has been a leading advocate for public service in her tireless dedication to the League of Women Voters of San Francisco and work with the California Public Utilities Commission. Apart from her dedication to service she is uniquely qualified in public records law which makes her a very strong candidate for the position.

Best,  
Mark Y. Goh  
1609 12th Ave  
San Francisco CA 94122

**Evans, Derek**

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**From:** Katie Short <kshort84@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 2:53 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Evans, Derek; Tang, Katy (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS)  
**Subject:** Letter in support of Leuwam Tesfai's nomination to the City's Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

To the members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for the San Francisco League of Women Voters' nominee, Leuwam Tesfai, for a seat on the City's Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. Leuwam's demonstrated leadership, resourcefulness, personal integrity, and dedication to public service are among the key attributes that highly recommend her for a post with the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

I have known Leuwam for nearly two decades, from our days in high school in Texas to now, when we both very happily call San Francisco home. While I have known Leuwam for many years as a friend, I also recently had the great privilege of serving with Leuwam on the Board of the San Francisco League of Women Voters. Leuwam's unwavering adherence to the highest standards of personal integrity in her work, in addition to her leadership, professionalism, and resourcefulness, make her a critical member of the League's Board.

As well as being an active Board member, Leuwam is an attorney for the California Public Utilities Commission. Her service with the state not only means she has an extensive understanding of public records law, but it also demonstrates an inspiring dedication to public service.

Leuwam certainly has the requisite skills for the seat on the City's Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, and she would be a tremendous asset to the Task Force, bringing her breadth of experience, resourcefulness, and integrity to her work on the Task Force. As a San Francisco resident, I would be proud to know that someone like Leuwam was sitting on the City's Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions regarding my letter of support. Many thanks for your time and for your consideration of Leuwam's nomination.

All the best,  
Katie Short

Katie Short  
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[713.299.7566](tel:713.299.7566) - mobile

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Tang, Katy (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 11:15 AM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** FW: Bruce Wolfe appointment to SOTF

For the Clerk's records

**From:** tesw@aol.com [mailto:tesw@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 11:05 AM  
**To:** Mar, Eric (BOS) <eric.mar@sfgov.org>; Tang, Katy (BOS) <katy.tang@sfgov.org>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <malia.cohen@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Bruce Wolfe appointment to SOTF

I am writing to urge your support to appoint Bruce Wolfe to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

Bruce is an exemplary San Franciscan who has given considerable time and energy to civic matters and community projects, including prior service on SOTF.

I call your attention to his significant work with the SF Community Land Trust Board, which is making contributions to housing lower income San Franciscans in an ownership model. In addition, he is active in neighborhood organizations.

I urge you support his appointment to SOTF.

Tes Welborn  
D5 Action Coordinator

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Frank Cannata <frankcannata@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 4:36 PM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Fw: Sunshine Ord Task Force- Frank Cannata-Support

Derek,

This email supporting me for the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force was sent directly to the supervisors on the rules committee.

Frank Cannata

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----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Chris Schulman <chris.schulman@gmail.com>  
**To:** katy.tang@sfgov.org; Eric.L.Mar@sfgov.org; malia.cohen@sfgov.org  
**Cc:** Dyanna.quizon@sfgov.org; victor.lim@sfgov.org; yoyo.chan@sfgov.org  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 12:14 PM  
**Subject:** Sunshine Ord Task Force- Frank Cannata-Support

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I would like to express my support for Frank Cannata being appointed to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

It has my pleasure to know Frank for the past decade through our work in the Polk Street neighborhoods. I have always known him to be a strong advocate to open, responsible government and his strong history of citizen participation has prepared him well for this role.

I regret that I cannot attend the hearing and provide my support in person. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Chris Schulman

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Tang, Katy (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 11:46 AM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** FW: Rules Committee appointment consideration

### For the clerk's records

**From:** claire zvanski [mailto:czvanski@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 3:51 AM  
**To:** Mar, Eric (BOS) <eric.mar@sfgov.org>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <malia.cohen@sfgov.org>; Tang, Katy (BOS) <katy.tang@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Rules Committee appointment consideration

Dear Supervisors:

It is my understanding that the Rules Committee will be considering appointments to the Sunshine Task Force this Thursday, April 28. It is also my understanding that **David Pilpel** has submitted his application for reappointment to that task force.

I have known David for more than 25 years. He was a teenager when I used to have to physically extract him from offices at MUNI headquarters (on Presidio at Geary in those days). He was regularly rifling through desks of managers and other employees and also going through our file cabinets for "information" on various projects and issues. He would often come in after hours when those managers would have gone home for the day. This was not a once or twice occurrence. It was a regular practice for a very long time. He was reported, but he continued to do this as long as the doors of the building were not locked. Later, security measures were taken and he could not easily access our building after hours. So, he would come in and "visit" with various managers at the end of the day but not leave the building at closing.

Mr. Pilpel has continued to probe/snoop into City business and City offices over the years. As a retired City employee with nearly 40 years of service behind me, I found and continue to find Mr. Pilpel's methods despicable and his motives questionable. While I support transparency and the public's right to know, I also understand the need for files and work products to remain protected. There is a time and place for everything.

All this is to say that I don't believe Mr. Pilpel is appropriate for reappointment to the Sunshine Task Force. Colleagues of mine have told me of his ongoing unorthodox methods in seeking information and also his harassment of both City employees and elected/appointed individuals. These are unprofessional methods and behaviors that should not be rewarded by appointment to an official City body, especially the Sunshine Task Force.

Please reject the reappointment of David Pilpel to the Sunshine Task Force.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Claire Zvanski

(37.5 years retired career public service with CCSF; 26 years on HSS board)

**Evans, Derek**

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**From:** Sean Simon <sxsimon7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 2:12 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Support Leuwam Tesfai for the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

Supervisors Tang, Cohen and Mar,

I am writing in support of Leuwam Tesfai to join San Francisco's Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. I have worked with Leuwam for five years at the CA Public Utilities Commission and I know her to consistently demonstrate the highest values of public service.

Over the last year, I've had the pleasure of serving along side Leuwam as advisors to Commissioner Randolph. Leuwam handles public records act requests for our office and ensures timely compliance with all requirements, in addition to excelling at a host of many other professional assignments in her capacity as advisor to the Commissioner. Leuwam's legal training, procedural prowess and acumen while working with diverse stakeholders makes Leuwam uniquely qualified for the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

I would be happy to answer any follow up questions you may when considering candidates for this position.

Regards  
Sean Simon (SF Resident, D10)  
415-971-0805



## Evans, Derek

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**From:** laura schadler <lauraschadler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 2:17 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Evans, Derek; Tang, Katy (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS)  
**Subject:** Sunshine Ordinance Task Force-Leuwam Tesfai

Hello All,

I am writing on behalf of Leuwam Tesfai who has been nominated to fill a seat on the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. I have known Leuwam for eight years and during that time I have known her to be someone who is deeply committed to her work. She is dedicated to public service, both as an attorney for the Public Utilities Commission and as a board member of the League of Women Voters. Her passion, knowledge, and experience make her an excellent candidate. Leuwam possesses genuine engagement with and concern for her community, and would be an invaluable addition to the task force.

All my best,  
Laura Schadler

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April 26, 2016

*By Electronic Transmission to Derek Evans (derek.evans@sfgov.org)*  
Supervisor Katy Tang, Chair  
Rules Committee, San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Re: Application of Dave Maass for the Sunshine Task Force – Support

Dear Supervisor Tang,

This letter is written in support of the application of Dave Maass to be on the San Francisco Sunshine Task Force. He is exceptionally well-qualified for that position.

I am a long time juvenile justice advocate, formerly as an attorney with the Youth Law Center, and now with the Pacific Juvenile Defender Center. I met Dave years ago, when his investigation into disturbing practices in the San Diego juvenile system brought the issues and Dave to the attention of Youth Law Center. As a reporter for City Beat, Dave obtained county records that revealed extremely high levels of pepper spray use in San Diego facilities. His reporting on the issues resulted in my office doing further investigation, eventually resulting in a complaint to the U.S. Department of Justice. His work has resulted in increased interest in the issue both in San Diego and in state level agencies. He was honored as a Youth Law Center Unsung Hero for his resourcefulness and persistence in bringing pepper spray use to public light.

Dave's pepper spray work is only one example in a long career in which he has used the Public Records Act or the Brown Act to obtain records and speak out on issues of public interest. He understands the law, and the important public policy values it embodies. Dave has also been a champion for the cause of transparency in government, including leading opposition to proposed limitations to the Public Records Act several years ago. His position at the Electronic Frontiers Foundation often calls for him to investigate and bring to light practices of government and corporations that violate civil liberties and privacy interests.

Although his resume speaks for itself, it should be mentioned that much of Dave's work in assuring transparency in government has been on behalf of people who would have had difficulty using the laws themselves to gain access to public records – including juveniles, prisoners, and families of people injured by a particular practice. This seems an especially important characteristic for someone helping San Francisco to assure that the workings of government are open to public view.

I strongly recommend Dave Maass for this position. Please let me know if I can provide further information or insights as you consider his application.

Sincerely yours,

*Sue Burrell*

Sue Burrell

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Tang, Katy (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 3:54 PM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** FW: Bruce Wolfe

For the clerk's records

**From:** D. Emanuel [mailto:demanuel415@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 2:54 PM  
**To:** Tang, Katy (BOS) <katy.tang@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Bruce Wolfe

Dear Supervisor Tang,

I wholeheartedly endorse Bruce Wolfe in consideration of an appointment to the San Francisco Sunshine Task force. I have known Bruce to be a tireless champion of transparency in government. His commitment and integrity to ensuring that people understand and have access to governmental data is unwavering. I hope you will consider his appointment.

Sincerely,

David Emanuel

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Tang, Katy (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 5:20 PM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** FW: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Recommendation

For the clerk's records

**From:** robyn tucker [mailto:venturesv@me.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 23, 2016 9:30 PM  
**To:** Tang, Katy (BOS) <katy.tang@sfgov.org>; Mar, Eric (BOS) <eric.mar@sfgov.org>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <malia.cohen@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Quizon, Dyanna (BOS) <dyanna.quizon@sfgov.org>; Lim, Victor (BOS) <victor.lim@sfgov.org>; Chan, Yoyo (BOS) <yoyo.chan@sfgov.org>; Bruss, Andrea (BOS) <andrea.bruss@sfgov.org>; Tugbenyoh, Mawuli (BOS) <mawuli.tugbenyoh@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Recommendation

Pacific Avenue Neighborhood Association  
(PANA)

April 22, 2016

Dear Supervisors Tang, Mar, and Cohen:

I am the Co-Chair of the Pacific Avenue Neighborhood Association (PANA). I have known Frank Cannata professionally through his work in growing the Middle Polk Neighborhood Association (MPNA), working together to preserve and develop our respective neighborhoods and communities, and personally for over a decade. He cares deeply about our City, neighborhoods and communities, and the people who live here. A fair man with the highest ethical and moral standards, Frank would be a great addition to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. He knows the importance of being accountable for actions we take on behalf of our communities and city and its citizenry.

I highly recommend Frank Cannata to serve on the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

Robyn Tucker  
Co-Chair Pacific Avenue Neighborhood Association (PANA)  
415-609-5607

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Tang, Katy (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 4:31 PM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** FW: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Applicant

For the clerk's records

**From:** Dave Maass [mailto:d.maass@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 8:35 AM  
**To:** Tang, Katy (BOS) <katy.tang@sfgov.org>; Quizon, Dyanna (BOS) <dyanna.quizon@sfgov.org>; Law, Ray (BOS) <ray.law@sfgov.org>; Summers, Ashley (BOS) <ashley.summers@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Applicant

Dear Supervisor Tang and her team:

Good morning. My name is Dave Maass, and I'm an applicant for the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. I received an email from Derek Evans last week that my application will be considered by the rules committee on Thursday. He urged me to reach out to you in advance.

I was out all of last week on my honeymoon in Mexico, so I wasn't able to respond until today. Please do let me know if you'd like to chat in advance of the meeting. I can be reached on my cell at 619-756-2964. I can answer any questions you might have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dave Maass

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Tang, Katy (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 4:15 PM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** FW: Sunshine Ord Task Force- Frank Cannata-Support

For the clerk's records

**From:** Chris Schulman [mailto:chris.schulman@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 12:14 PM  
**To:** Tang, Katy (BOS) <katy.tang@sfgov.org>; Mar, Eric (BOS) <eric.mar@sfgov.org>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <malia.cohen@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Quizon, Dyanna (BOS) <dyanna.quizon@sfgov.org>; Lim, Victor (BOS) <victor.lim@sfgov.org>; Chan, Yoyo (BOS) <yoyo.chan@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Sunshine Ord Task Force- Frank Cannata-Support

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I would like to express my support for Frank Cannata being appointed to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

It has my pleasure to know Frank for the past decade through our work in the Polk Street neighborhoods. I have always known him to be a strong advocate to open, responsible government and his strong history of citizen participation has prepared him well for this role.

I regret that I cannot attend the hearing and provide my support in person. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Chris Schulman

**Evans, Derek**

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**From:** Tang, Katy (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 4:08 PM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** FW: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force appointment

For the clerk's records

**From:** Bruce Wolfe [mailto:brucewolfe.sf@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 10:08 AM  
**To:** Tang, Katy (BOS) <katy.tang@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Sunshine Ordinance Task Force appointment

Dear Supervisor Tang --

Hi! I had planned on meeting with you this week before the meeting but due to a death in the family that has taken me out of town I am writing you today. I will be back in town for the Rules Committee meeting on Thursday.

I wanted to check in and clear the air of any concerns that you may still have about my interest in serving on the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. I remember well your concerns the last time around. I want to assure you that my interests are pure and to assure that the Ordinance is interpreted and carried out properly and balanced with my colleagues on the SOTF and advice of legal counsel.

As you know, attendance on this body has been a concern. During my previous time on SOTF my attendance was very regular. My full-time job allows me a flexible schedule. While condensed work that takes some time, luckily, not full-time, attendance for two meetings a month should not be difficult for any member that seeks this position. I appreciated your insistence on this in your interviews in past Rules Committee meetings on this appointment.

Further, with technology pervading our government system, especially, with information systems there has been a continual dearth of savvy in this area. As a chief information officer and IT administrator for over two decades, I frequently get inquiries about this from the Open Government community and SOTF members. I am very familiar with the work of our own IT department as having conversed with Miguel Gamino and Jay Nath, attended many COIT meetings plus Sunlight Foundation, EFF, Maplight and other organizations that seek to help normalize how data and public information is accessible to the general public which is the keystone of our state laws and the Sunshine Ordinance. SOTF desperately needs someone who has a good understanding in this area. I believe at this time my presence on the SOTF would be beneficial.

Finally, open meetings and public information disclosure is something I have solid interest in as having worked in consumer advocacy, being a social worker, and in civic and legislative advocacy for many years. I have studied and learned in all its machinations and manifestations from federal, state and local levels including other municipalities. I know from hearing from several current members of the SOTF that they

wished for my presence as I bring a certain professionalism and focus that affords well understood and balanced discussions and process. Their words.

I hope we can look towards the future and continued efforts to help streamline the Sunshine process, reduce staff time with technology and, ultimately, fairness in the process.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your indulgence of this lengthy message.

Sincerely,

Bruce Wolfe, M.S.W.

415-658-5318 (*announce yourself, rings all my phones*)

P.S. Today is the funeral so if I do not pick up please leave a message and I will sure to return it at my earliest convenience.



## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Jacob Rossman <jrossman102@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 6:18 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Evans, Derek; Tang, Katy (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS)  
**Subject:** Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (Leuwam Tesfai)

Dear Rules Committee,

I write to express my support for Leuwam Tesfai to be appointed to a seat on the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

I am a litigation attorney at Lombardi, Loper & Conant, LLP and my family and I are longtime residents of San Francisco, where I was also raised. I met Ms. Tesfai in 2009 during our first year of law school at University of San Francisco School of Law, where we both graduated in 2012. I also had the pleasure of serving as one of her Article Editors when Ms. Tesfai led the University of San Francisco Intellectual Property Bulletin as its Editor-in-Chief in law school.

Ms. Tesfai is a fair leader, hard worker, and has shown dedication to public service in her role as an attorney for the California Public Utilities Commission and her work on the Board of the League of Women Voters of San Francisco. I believe that her skills and knowledge in public records law working for the State of California qualifies her as an excellent candidate to protect public interest in my hometown of San Francisco.

Very truly yours,

Jacob Rossman

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Shauna Lawhorne <shauna.lawhorne@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 8:25 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Evans, Derek; Tang, Katy (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS)  
**Subject:** In Support of Leuwam Tesfai

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email in support of Leuwam Tesfai for a seat on the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. I have known Leuwam for over a decade and can speak to her long-standing dedication to public service. Currently I serve on the Board of the League of Women Voters of San Francisco with Leuwam and she approaches her position of Communications Chair with passion and drive. Additionally, Leuwam is an attorney with the California Public Utilities Commission where she has developed skills and knowledge in public records law that would serve her well on the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. Also, her time spent working for the state has strengthened her commitment to an open and transparent government.

Other public service roles Leuwam has undertaken include being a member of her Neighborhood Emergency Response Team with the San Francisco Fire Department, mentoring high school students with the California Law Academy, and coordinating volunteer work for her office at the San Francisco Food Bank.

I truly believe Leuwam's background and steadfast commitment to public service make her a very strong candidate for this appointment and I hope you will consider her nomination.

Best,  
Shauna Lawhorne  
1609 12th Avenue  
San Francisco CA 94122

**Evans, Derek**

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**From:** whitney watts <whitney.watts@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016 11:41 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Evans, Derek; Tang, Katy (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS)  
**Subject:** In support of Leuwam Tesfai for Sunshine Ordinance Task Force seat

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support of Leuwam Tesfai, League of Women Voters of San Francisco nominee for the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force seat. I have known Leuwam for over 10 years as an undergraduate at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia to her now position serving as an attorney at the CPUC in San Francisco, CA. Leuwam is steadfast and smart; a hard worker who excels in everything she touches. She has an amazing knowledge of the law and shows true passion for protecting the ideals of an open government. I work with her weekly as a volunteer and member of the LWVSF and I can truly attest to her skill set. Not only would she be a quality candidate, but also she would be a true asset to the task force. It would be a clear miss to not support her appointment to this position. Thank you and have a good evening.

Best,

Whitney Watts

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Frank Cannata <frankcannata@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 27, 2016 7:28 AM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Fw: Frank Cannata: Recommend for Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

Derek,

This email supporting me for the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force was sent directly to the Supervisors.

Frank Cannata  
415 314-1262

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Wed, Apr 27, 2016 at 7:25 AM, Frank Cannata  
<frankcannata@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Kathleen,

Thank you for your support.

Frank  
Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Tue, Apr 26, 2016 at 10:16 PM, Kathleen Courtney  
<kcourtney@rhcasf.com> wrote:

Supervisors Tang, Mar and Cohen:

I respectfully urge you to consider Frank Cannata for the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

Over a decade ago Frank co-founded the Middle Polk Neighborhood Association (MPNA), originally to address the spread of prostitution along the Polk Street corridor. He rallied neighbors, strengthened ties with the police and, by dint of ongoing monitoring, the problem was contained.

As important, however, was the fact that Frank and the MPNA leadership team, provided a forum for the residents of Middle Polk and an opportunity for them to begin participating in the "body politic". By establishing monthly meetings where City leaders from the DPW, SFMTA, Park and Rec, Police, etc. would come to talk with and listen to the residents of Middle Polk, Frank helped empower the community. As you would no doubt agree, that is quite a contribution to community development.

When I asked Frank why he wanted to be on the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, his answer was typically forthright:

"I want to be on the task force because I believe that open and transparent government and citizen participation in government makes for better government."

I couldn't agree more and for this reason respectfully support Frank Cannata for a seat on the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Courtney

[for identification]

Chair, Housing & Zoning Committee

Russian Hill Community Association

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**Evans, Derek**

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**From:** Peterson, Rachel A. <rachel.peterson@cpuc.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 27, 2016 10:32 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Support Leuwam Tesfai for Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to give my strong support for Leuwam Tesfai as a nominee to the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. I have known and worked with Leuwam at the California Public Utilities Commission since 2013, and have been her direct supervisor for the past year. Leuwam is a person and an employee of strong moral character who is highly committed to public service. She has been working with me on several sunshine initiatives to improve the public accessibility of the California Public Utilities Commission, and she executes her duties with attention to fairness, transparency, and pragmatism. She is professionally and personally very well suited to be a member of San Francisco's Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, given her knowledge of public records law in California, the fact that she is an attorney, and the fact that she holds herself to high ethical standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this note of support, and I am happy to answer any further questions about Leuwam.

With regards,  
-Rachel

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