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1	[Authorizing the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force to Meet in June 2020]
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3	Motion authorizing the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force to schedule up to two meetings
4	via teleconference during June 2020.
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6	WHEREAS, On February 25, 2020, Mayor London N. Breed declared a local
7	emergency to exist in connection with the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19; and
8	WHEREAS, The Mayor transmitted a copy of that Proclamation Declaring the
9	Existence of a Local Emergency to the Board of Supervisors (the "Proclamation"), and on
10	March 3, 2020, the Board of Supervisors concurred in the Proclamation and in the actions
11	taken by the Mayor to meet the emergency; the Proclamation and the Board's concurring
12	motion are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 200228; and
13	WHEREAS, On March 23, 2020, the Mayor issued the Fifth Supplement to the
14	Proclamation that was concurred by the Board of Supervisors, which suspended certain
15	provisions of City law governing policy body meetings to allow flexibility in meetings and
16	suspended provisions in the Administrative Code on deadlines for complying for requests for
17	public records under the Sunshine Ordinance; and
18	WHEREAS, On April 1, 2020, the Mayor issued the Eighth Supplement to the
19	Proclamation that was concurred by the Board of Supervisors, which included a measure not
20	allowing City policy and advisory bodies to hold public meetings unless the Board of
21	Supervisors acts by written motion or the Mayor or Mayor's designee directs otherwise, based
22	on a determination that a policy body has a urgent need to take action to ensure public health,
23	safety, or essential government operations; and
24	WHEREAS, On April 30, 2020, the Mayor issued the Twelfth Supplement to the

25 Proclamation that was concurred by the Board of Supervisors, which extended the previous

1 restriction on City policy and advisory bodies holding public meetings from March 18, 2020 2 through May 31, 2020, unless the Board of Supervisors acts by written motion or the Mayor or 3 Mayor's designee directs otherwise, based on a determination that a policy body has a urgent 4 need to take action to ensure public health, safety, or essential government operations; and WHEREAS, The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force was established by Chapter 67 of 5 6 the San Francisco Administrative Code to protect the public's interest in open government and 7 to advise the Board of Supervisors and provide information to other City departments on 8 appropriate ways in which to implement the Sunshine Ordinance; and 9 WHEREAS, Open access and transparency in government are fundamental to the function of democracy, especially during a time of crisis; and 10 11 WHEREAS, Due to State of Emergency, there are more limitations to the ability for the 12 public to engage with government agencies and to receive access to information; and now, 13 therefore, be it MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors determines that the Sunshine Ordinance Task 14 15 Force serves a purpose in providing guidance on transparency and open governance, which 16 are essential government operations; and, be it 17 FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Sunshine Ordinance 18 Task Force to schedule up to two meetings via teleconference during the month of June 2020 19 to hold a discussion on the adherence of government entities to the California Public Records

Act, California Brown Act, and Sunshine Ordinance during the COVID-19 Health Emergency;

21 and to hold further discussion to provide written recommendations to the Mayor and the Board

of Supervisors on protecting public's right to access records and information in light of legal

provisions that may have been lifted during the health emergency; and

FURTHER MOVED, That the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force shall meet with the following conditions:

Supervisor Yee
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1	The meetings must comply with all rules governing public meetings; including
2	allowing public observation and participation;
3	The meetings will be scheduled in coordination with the Clerk of the Board's
4	office to ensure adequate staffing and to avoid scheduling conflicts with other
5	Board of Supervisors' meetings;
6	The meetings shall not consider any other business other than noted in this
7	Motion; and
8	The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force shall not unreasonably require the time of
9	Clerk staff or other City staff that are deployed in response to the COVID-19
10	Health Emergency Response.
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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp or meeting date

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