

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Sunshine Ordinance Task Force 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: File No.19112

Dear Sunshine Task Force Committee Members,

I am writing to clarify my responses made during the SOTF Hearing on September, 2, 2020, File No. 19112: Complaint filed by Anonymous against Chief William Scott and Lt. R. Andrew Cox and the Police Department. Specifically, I was asked by the committee if SFPD would release future Prop. G calendars upon request and I answered yes. I apologize for causing confusion. When I provided that answer, I did not mean to infer that SFPD would waive any rights to exempt Prop. G calendars in whole or any portion thereof if warranted. We continue to apply exemptions and exceptions to the Chief's future calendar entries that have not yet occurred under Cal. Gov't Code § 6254(f); Cal. Gov't Code § 6254(k); Cal. Evid. Code. § 1040; Times Mirror Company v. Superior Court, 53 Cal.3d 1325 (1991).

Chief Scott is the head Law Enforcement Official for the City and County of San Francisco, which carries a higher risk to his personal safety. His job presents unique security risks that requires unique security procedures and protocols to ensure his safety. Releasing information from his calendar reveals the timing and details of his whereabouts as well as the patterns and habits of the Chief of Police. While we are cautious to release his calendar at all under the laws cited above, we have done so after a careful review of events that have occurred in the past and redact information according to the cites listed above. However, this careful review may only be done by looking back at events that have already occurred. Releasing future calendar entries presents a new set of security issues.

Releasing future calendar entries inherently increases the risk to his security. This would seriously impair the ability of the Department to assure his personal safety and it would constitute a potential threat to his safety because this information would enable a reader to know in advance and with relative precision when and where the Chief may be found, the timing of his departures and arrivals from events or locations. In addition, the reader would know the persons who will be with him, and when he will be alone. We have redacted past Prop. G calendars entries under Cal. Govt Code section 6254(f) Cal. Gov't Code § 6254(k); Cal. Evid. Code. § 1040; Times Mirror Company v. Superior Court, 53 Cal.3d 1325 (1991).SFPD has never produced future Prop. G calendars in the past.

In retrospect, I understand that I answered the question poorly and I should have elaborated on our position. I sincerely apologize for any confusion and did not mean to mislead the committee and/or Anonymous. My statement to the committee was of my own volition and should not reflect any misconduct by Chief Scott or the SFPD.

Sincerely,

Lt. R. Andrew Cox #287

Officer in Charge

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