

# City of Alameda



OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMISSION  
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## SUNSHINE ORDINANCE COMPLAINT

Complaint against which Department or Commission: Planning Department, Base Reuse Dept and others

Name of individual contacted at Department or Commission: None

- Alleged violation of public records access.
- Alleged violation of public meeting. Date of meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunshine Ordinance Section: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If known, please cite specific provision(s) being violated)

Please describe alleged violation. Use additional paper if needed. Please attach all relevant documentation supporting your complaint. Documentation is required.

The public-myself included-cannot readily access needed information and/or adequately and meaningfully participate in he upcoming City Council Public Hearing for the West Midway/RESHAP project because the Planning documents, the Alameda Point FEIR, and other documents necessary for a member of the public to be informed of the Project are not publicly available

(1) According to the clerk, the only way to access the current plans is to search for them by keyword in the City Calendar/Meetings but that is "not accessible" and also do not adequately inform the public of the projects' progress, changes or opportunities to participate. For example -Meeting minutes do not contain relevant info; -Staff summaries/presentations do not inform the issues, decisions, timelines, and changes to projects; and (cont below)

**A complaint must be filed no more than fifteen (15) days after an alleged violation of the Sunshine Ordinance.**

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Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 07/10/2023 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

(cont)-the Planning Department has not been adequately presenting Project details or the GP and the AP Plan requirements to the public or decisionmakers, including the Planning Board, HAB, and City Council. Therefore votes/approvals were based on inaccurate information (e.g., on 02/28/2021, Andrew Thomas told the Planning Board that the West Midway area is zoned for residential development-->it's actually Mixed-use, which the Planning Director certainly knew)

(2) Links to the projects on the Base Reuse page are YEARS out of date, and current status or ways to participate is not indicated--this "dangerous misinformation" is misleading, and compounds the issue. The above thereby materially and significantly impedes participation by the public and is a major violation of the Sunshine Ordinance.

(3) these complex and large scale projects have also undergone significant iterative changes without adequate transparency or public participation, and appear to be out of compliance with Relevant land use plans.

RE PUBLIC NOTICE: There has been inadequate public notice and participation for the substantial changes for Alameda Point Site A and West Midway since the General Plan Housing Amendment since at least December 2021. To further my point: the City does not have adequate information for ANY important development projects or meeting dates on their website or anywhere else. In this day and age, "printing them in the paper" is wholly inadequate and impedes public participation (contrary to the General Plan goals). They should have announcements on the website with links to issues of public interest, email notification by sign-up, Facebook posts etc. Neighborhood flyers should also have information/links to projects, and should be provided for all the surrounding neighborhoods, at least within 500 feet.