CITY OF ALAMEDA OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

ANNUAL PUBLIC REPORT

Under the City of Alameda's "Sunshine Ordinance", Article VIII of Chapter II of the Alameda Municipal Code, the Open Government Commission is to prepare pursuant to Section 2-93.6 of the Ordinance an Annual Public Report to be placed on the City's website and made generally available to the public in printed form of alleged violations of the Ordinance that were brought to the attention of the Commission during the previous calendar year. The Report shall identify the nature of the alleged violation, the relief sought, the disposition thereof and the location of all records relevant to each complaint.

During 2018, there were two complaints alleging violations of the Sunshine Ordinance. One complaint was withdrawn before it could be heard by the Commission. Therefore, only one complaint was brought to the attention of the Commission. The withdrawn complaint alleged that the Police Department had refused to produce personnel files in response to a Public Records Act request. The complaint was withdrawn following discussions with the complainant's attorney that led to a resolution of the matter. The other complaint was that City Council action on October 16, 2018, concerning the introduction of an ordinance concerning cannabis regulations, was not in compliance with the description of the item on the Council's agenda. The relief sought was to set aside the Council action. The Commission agreed there had been a violation of the Ordinance, sustained the complaint, and directed that the two ordinances that had been introduced (and subsequently adopted) be null and void. All records pertaining to these matters are on file with the City Clerk's Office.

Dated: October 7, 2019