



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
Conference Room 4A  
**Sunshine Task Force Committee**

**SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Tuesday, May 15, 2018  
4:00 PM

**Meeting Called to Order**

Date / Time: May 15, 2018 / 4:01 pm

**In Attendance:** Mayor Julian A. Gold, M.D., Councilmember Robert Wunderlich, Charles Aronberg, Magali Bergher, Ed Brown, Linda Brown, Woodrow W. Clark II, Mark Elliot, Fred Fenster, Judie Fenton, Lori Greene-Gordon, Marcia Hobbs/The Beverly Hills Courier, Matt Lopez/The Beverly Hills Courier, Myra Lurie, Steve Mayer, Susan Mishler, Elliot Ponchick, Ronald Richards, Stella Sarraf, , Thomas White, Debbie Weiss, Allyson Wittner, Assistant City Manager George Chavez, City Attorney Larry Wiener, Chief Assistant City Attorney Lolly Enriquez, Community Outreach Manager Huma Ahmed, Assistant City Clerk Lourdes Sy-Rodriguez

**1) Oral Communications**

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Woody Clark provided an update on the Next Gen Committee activities and events.

Mark Elliot asked Mayor Gold who to send agenda items to for the next Sunshine Task Force (STF) Committee meeting.

**2) Follow up to Wiener Bill – Discussion re. land use/zoning regulations**

Mayor Gold provided an update on the Wiener bill. Debbie Weiss offered her assistance if a petition would be needed.

**3) BHUSD – bond signage**

Mayor Gold introduced this item for discussion as pertaining to the lawn signs for the BHUSD bond.

City Attorney Wiener clarified that if it pertains to a City initiative or is within the City boundaries (which is 99% of the time), City rules should apply but if it is outside the City boundaries, BHUSD has to follow the State/FPPC rules and not the City rules. He further stated that the City has control over placement of the signs but not the disclosure of information such as the top three donors, or other details.

There was further discussion and suggestions regarding the consequences and effect on the City, setting rules to cover both City and BHUSD, and indicating the source of financing on the sign.

Mr. Wiener stated that signs illegally placed on private property can be removed by the owner.

Councilmember Wunderlich asked whether there is existing ordinance regarding blocking sidewalks. Mayor Gold directed Mr. Wiener to bring an item at a future Council meeting regarding signage rules.

#### **4) Initiatives/petitions/referendums**

Mr. Wiener spoke about the differences between an initiative and a referendum, and stated that the identity of who created and paid for the initiative/referendum is not required to be divulged. He responded to questions regarding campaign expenditure disclosure requirements at the state and local levels. Mr. Wiener noted that disclosures regarding the identity of the petitioner and how much money is spent will be part of the item that he will be bringing at the June 5, 2018 City Council meeting.

There were comments, discussion, and suggestions on the following issues: adding the penalty of perjury clause on disclosure forms to aid the City in legally prosecuting violators in the future, who is responsible for prosecuting offenders for violations including misrepresentation of information, whether initiatives and referendums fall under the “protected speech” category, the City having its own prosecution arm, the time frame for submitting initiatives and referendums, integrity of signature gathering, the minimum and maximum time frame to hold an election, and status of projects when an ordinance is suspended.

Mr. Wiener reiterated that he will be bringing at the June 5, 2018 City Council meeting an item that will include requiring petitioners to divulge funding information and the top three contributors. Mayor Gold stated that funding for initiatives and referendums should be disclosed the same way as the election candidate spending.

#### **5) Voter Fraud**

Item not discussed.

#### **6) Adjournment**

Mr. White asked that the Sunshine Task Force Committee members be notified of the next meeting schedule in advance so that their attendance can be planned.

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