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TO: Public Ethics Commission
FROM: Daniel Purnell
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RE: A Report And Action To Be Taken Regarding A Proposed Amendment To The Oakland Sunshine Ordinance Requested By The Office Of The City Clerk

On July 15, 2004, the City Clerk requested a hearing before the City Council Rules and Legislation Committee on a proposal to amend Oakland's Sunshine Ordinance. The City Clerk told Commission staff that the current language in the Sunshine Ordinance does not adequately address situations in which failures of the City's computer system either prohibits the timely completion of the City Council agenda or prevents a continuous ten-day, on-line posting of the City Council agenda.

The item was originally scheduled for hearing on September 30, 2004. Since then, the City Clerk has been working with the City Attorney's Office to develop specific language to address the above concerns. Commission staff and the City Clerk both agreed that it would make sense for the City Council to consider the City Clerk's proposal at the same time it considers the proposed Sunshine amendments that the Commission previously forwarded to the City Council earlier this year.

At the time of this writing, the City Clerk and City Attorney Offices are still developing language that will hopefully be available for Commission review before the October 4, 2004, meeting. Commission staff will supplement this report to the extent permitted by the Sunshine Ordinance as soon as a proposed amendment becomes available.

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