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Date: February 14, 2020
To: Members of the Ethics Commission
From: Jeff Pierce, Director of Enforcement & Legal Affairs
Subject: **AGENDA ITEM 6: Enforcement Report for the February 21, 2020 Meeting**

Summary: This report highlights programmatic information and operational updates related to the Enforcement & Legal Affairs Division.

Action Requested: No action is required by the Commission, as this item is for informational purposes only.

Public Corruption

The Enforcement Division continues to participate in regular weekly meetings with our peer investigators from the Offices of the Controller, the City Attorney, and the District Attorney. In the wake of the public announcement that the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California is pursuing criminal charges against recently resigned Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru and an associate, and as facts surrounding those allegations are determined, the Enforcement Division is consulting internally with Policy Staff and others regarding any possible legislative or process changes that may be warranted to abate vulnerabilities in the City's existing ethics laws.

Individuals with information about improper governmental conduct or violations of the City's ethics, lobbying, or campaign finance laws are encouraged to contact Ethics Commission investigators at (415) 252-3100 or to file a complaint as set forth on the Commission's website at <https://sfethics.org/enforcement/file-a-complaint>.

Enforcement Statistics

The Commission's enforcement docket now consists of 150 matters, approximately two thirds of which are under investigation. The following tables compare the number and average age of the Commission's enforcement docket to the same figures as reported last month and as reported in this month last year:

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Number and Average Age of Matters in Preliminary Review

Month	February 2019	January 2020	February 2020
Number	91	48	54
Avg. Age (mo.)	6.9	5.9	5.5

Number and Average Age of Matters in Open Investigation

Month	February 2019	January 2020	February 2020
Number	90	92	95
Avg. Age (mo.)	15.2	18.4	18.3

Attachment 1 contains additional data on the type and age of matters under preliminary review. Attachment 2 contains additional data on open investigations.

Referrals to Bureau of Delinquent Revenues

Under San Francisco Charter section C3.699-13(c)(i)(3), the Ethics Commission must refer to the Bureau of Delinquent Revenue penalties—including late fees—that the Commission has assessed but which remain unpaid after a specified period of time. The table below summarizes the status of accounts that the Bureau is handling on behalf of the Ethics Commission.

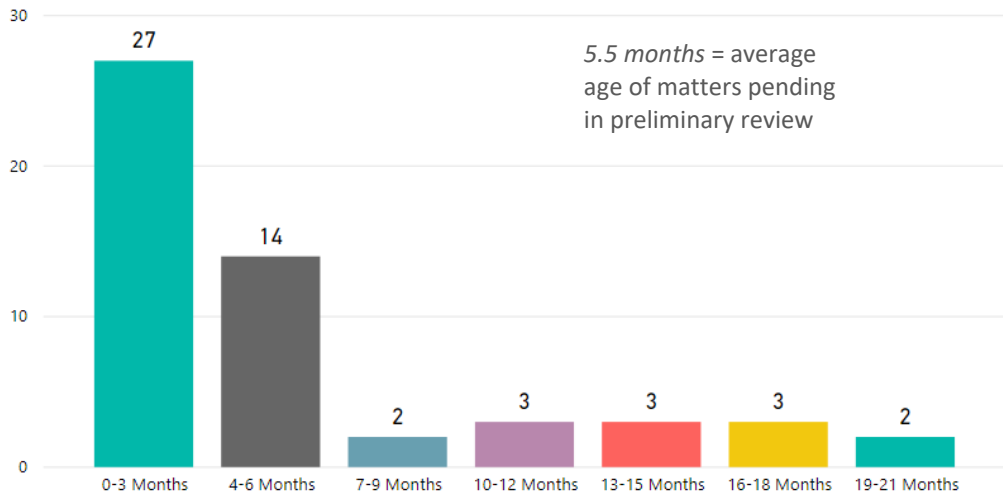
Committee/ Filer	ID #	Treasurer/ Responsible Officer	Referral Date	Original Amount Referred	Current Balance	General Status	Status
Chris Jackson	1347066	Chris Jackson	7/12/13	\$6,601	\$5,101	Judgment	Wage garnishment filed.
Chris Jackson	22-12119	Chris Jackson	9/26/16	\$6,100	\$6,100	Judgment	Wage garnishment filed.
Committee to Elect Norman for Supervisor	14-131112	Jacqueline Norman	5/1/15	\$9,000	\$9,000	Judgment	No change in resident status, Debtor continue to evade collections. An Order of Examination Hearing is rescheduled to 6/18/2020 @ 11:00 AM. Skip Tracing to locate place of residence, employment and additional assets.
Isabel Urbano	SFO- 153993	Isabel Urbano	3/23/16	\$7,000	\$6,850	Agency Assignment	Assigned to collections agency.
Lynette Sweet	1324331	Lynette Sweet	12/29/16	\$74,408	\$74,408	Bankruptcy	Debtor failed to respond to the Legal Department. Legal Department filed CIV-100 REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT.

Committee/ Filer	ID #	Treasurer/ Responsible Officer	Referral Date	Original Amount Referred	Current Balance	General Status	Status
SF Latino Democratic Club	1342652	Sarah Souza	6/21/19	\$10,979	\$10,979	Defaulted on Payment Plan	Attorney not responsive to messages to call back. Delinquency letter sent to organization President Sarah Souza.
San Franciscans for Democracy, Yes on D Committee	1391630	Jeremy Pollock	6/21/19	\$1,625	\$1,625	No response from Debtor	Small Claims suit filed. Hearing date 3/24/2020.
Arlo Smith For Democratic County Central Committee	1388142	Arlo Smith	4/30/2019	\$1,750	\$1,750	Refuse to Pay	Small Claims suit filed. Hearing date 3/24/2020.
Jeffrey Urban	Requested ID	Jeffrey Urban	1/28/2020	\$4,975	\$4,975	No response from Debtor	Delinquency letter sent.
Joshua Arce for SFDCCC Member 2016	1379481	Andrew Sinn	1/28/2020	\$425	\$425	No response from Debtor	Delinquency letter sent.
Richard Matthews	Requested ID	Richard Matthews	1/28/2020	\$9,000	\$9,000	No response from Debtor	Delinquency letter sent.
Transport Workers Union Local 250A Cope Fund	1367704	Terrence Hall	1/28/2020	\$2,400	\$2,400	No response from Debtor	Delinquency letter sent.
Yes on U, Working Families Fighting to Stay in San Francisco	1386507	Matthew Alvarez	1/28/2020	\$675	\$675	No response from Debtor	Delinquency letter sent.
Yes on P, Competitive Bidding for City Contracts with Funding	1386505	Matthew Alvarez	1/28/2020	\$1,400	\$1,400	No response from Debtor	Delinquency letter sent.
Total:							\$134,688

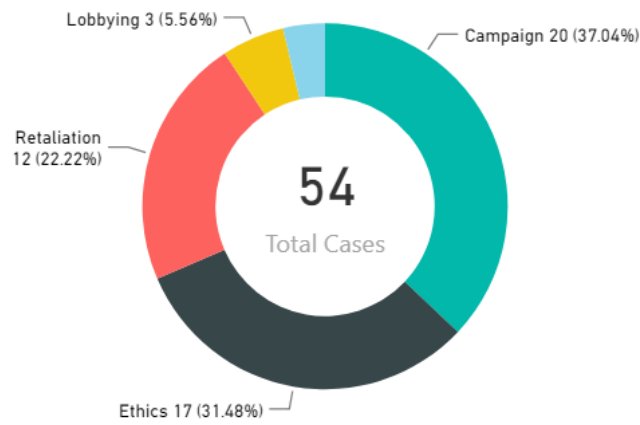
I look forward to answering any questions you might have at the upcoming Commission meeting.

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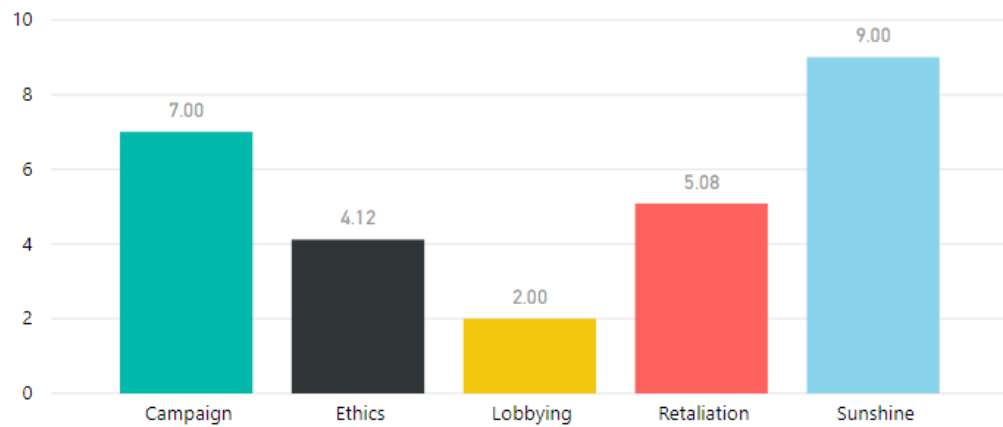
Age of Matters in Preliminary Review



Matters in Preliminary Review by Type

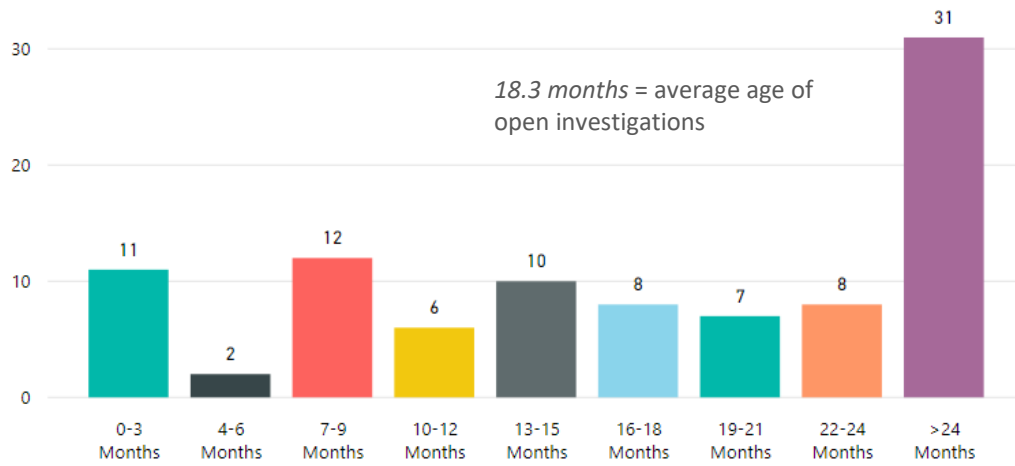


Average Age of Matters in Preliminary Review by Type

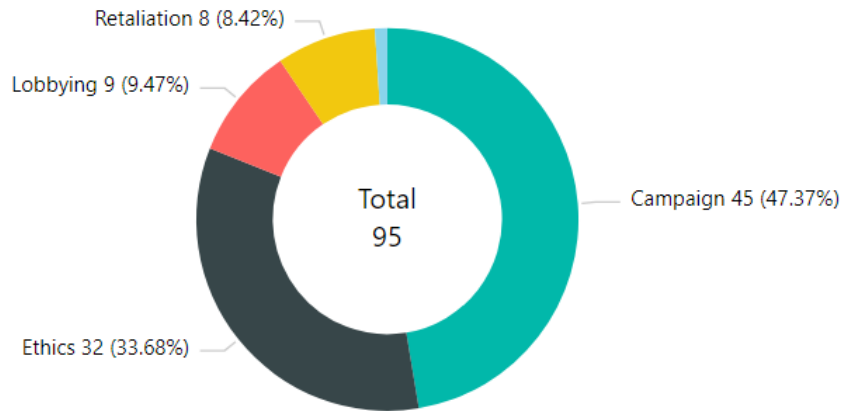


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Age of Matters under Open Investigation



Open Investigations by Type



Average Age of Matters under Open Investigation by Type

