

Enforcement Report



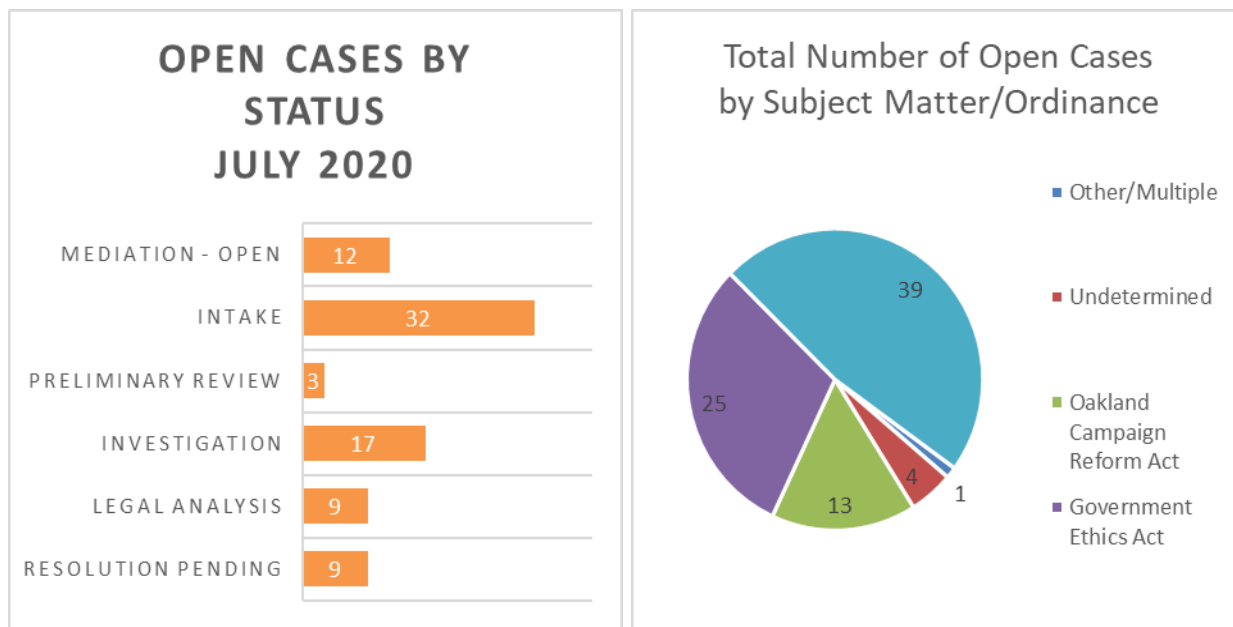
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TO: Public Ethics Commission
FROM: Kellie Johnson, Enforcement Chief
DATE: July 22, 2020
RE: Enforcement Program Update for the August 3, 2020, PEC Meeting

Current Enforcement Activities:

Since the last Enforcement Program Update on July 6, 2020, Commission staff received 22* complaints. This brings the total Enforcement caseload to 64 enforcement and mediation cases: 35 matters in the intake or preliminary review stage, 17 matters under active investigation, 9 matters under post-investigation analysis, 9 matters in settlement negotiations or awaiting an administrative hearing, and 12 ongoing public records request mediations.



*17 complaints regarding the June 23, 2020 City Council Budget meeting.

Summary of Cases:

Since the last Enforcement Program Update in July 2020, the following status changes occurred:

1. *In the Matter of Oakland City Councilmember Loren Taylor [Mediation Summary]* (Case No. M2020-06). On February 20, 2020, the Commission received a request for mediation from the Requestor alleging that the Office of City Councilmember Loren Taylor failed to provide responsive documents to a public records request. The Requester initiated their respective public records request in October seeking copies of email communications to or from Councilmember Taylor regarding the proposed Howard Terminal Ballpark, the department did not provide a response. Staff initiated the Mediation process and on July 17, 2020, Councilmember Taylor's Staff uploaded responsive documents and closed the public records request. Staff recommends that the Commission close the mediation without further action. (See Action Items)