
150-Word Written Testimony for Inclusion in Commission Streamlining Task Force's June 18 Meeting Minutes

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Hi Ms. Alonso,

Per San Francisco's Sunshine Ordinance, lease include my 150-word (or less) written public comment, attached, in the published meeting minutes of the Commission Streamlining Task Force's June 18 meeting.

Please do not include the agenda item title and line with the word count for each agenda item. Instead just include the body of my written testimony for each of the four agenda items.

For the word counts, I relied on Microsoft Word's word count feature, so you should not have to spend time counting every word manually as a cross-check.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me.

Thanks,

Patrick



**150-Word Testimony for Inclusion in Meeting Minutes of
Commission Streamlining Task Force Meeting June 16, 2025**

Patrick Monette-Shaw

**Item #4 General Public Comment
150-Word Testimony**

I've missed joining previous meetings of this Commission Streamlining Task Force, so I missed the 5/21/2025 discussions on "Proposals for Governance Commissions," and separate "Proposals for Advisory Committees". Minutes of your 5/21/2025 meeting state Vice Chair Fraser's proposal questioned the need for "Governance Commissions "beyond just a select few enterprise departments," and be structured like Boards of non-profit organizations, vs. Chair Harrington's distinction of "General Commissions" having strong public impacts. I remind you, the Health Commission isn't an "Enterprise Department," but it does generate revenue for DPH operations through setting patient hospital rates, and receives Federal Medicare/Medi-Cal revenue. The Health Commission is mandated by Federal Law for eligibility to receive Medicare reimbursement. The Commission is a CMS mandated "Governing Body" over SFGH and Laguna Honda. It has quasi-legislative functions and "Board" duties — like holding "Prop Q" hearings over proposed service elimination, or service reductions, by private-sector hospitals in the City.

**Item #5 Consent Calendar May 21 and June 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes
126-Words**

As for the format of your meeting minutes, I read Vice Chair Fraser's concerns in your June 4 meeting minutes about shortening the format and content of your meeting minutes, because of her concern some statements could be taken out of context, if presented in "extended narrative form." I disagree, since less fulsome minutes would invite statements being misconstrued even further using shorter meeting minutes, worsening the problem of lacking context. I agree with Laura, the member of the public who praised the existing minutes as being thorough, and helpful. Please continue reporting your meeting minutes as you have been. So far, they've been terrific. These minutes help prevent members of the public from having to listen to the entire audio recordings of your two-hour meetings.

**Item #6 Decision-Making and Work Planning
150-Words**

As a Task Force tool to aid the public, please consider having your staff create a new section on your web page to organize documents your Task Force have written and authored — such as a) The three-page "Inactive Bodies List" for future discussion and vote, b) The one-page "Proposals for Governance Commissions," c) The one-page "Proposals for Advisory Committees" with the side-by-side proposals from Chair Harrington and Vice Chair Fraser, d) The 20-plus page "Proposal for Commission" document dated May 21, and other Task Force-generated summary documents co-located in an easy to navigate list of your documents, for easier access by members of the public. Perhaps include in that "Documentation" section of your web site, any BLA-created documents, or potential draft recommendations and analyses by your Project Director Rachel Alonso, along with any documents from the City Controller, including the analysis underway of costs of each Advisory Committee and Commission.

**Item #7 Future Agenda Topics: July 16 Discussion on Inactive Policy Bodies
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As this Task Force gets closer to taking a vote on recommending what to do with the "Inactive Policy Body's," I have additional concerns about eliminating, 1) the "Adult Day Health Care Planning Council," 2) the "Mayor's Long-Term Care Planning Council," and 3) The "Supportive Housing Services Fund Committee." While each of these three committees may not have met in over a year, I believe some of their assigned oversight responsibilities when they were initially formed had involved valid, serious implications for healthcare policies, that are not being adequately addressed by either the Health Commission, or by other policy and oversight Commissions and Boards. While these three Advisory

bodies should potentially be eliminated, their duties should be retained and assigned greater oversight by the Health Commission, which rarely if ever wades into these policy areas.