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TO: San Francisco Commission Streamlining Task Force

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SUBJECT: Response to Preliminary Recommendation to Eliminate the JUSTIS Council

DATE: August 6, 2025

Chair Harrington and Task Force Members,

The Department of Technology (DT) agrees with the preliminary recommendation of the Task Force staff to eliminate the JUSTIS Council. The Justice Tracking Information System Committee Governance Council ("JUSTIS Council") was established by San Francisco ordinance #309-00 to provide structured governance and coordination across San Francisco's criminal justice departments during the transition away from a 40-year-old legacy mainframe system. Its primary goal was achieved, and that was to enable collaboration in designing and deploying modern, interoperable technologies to replace that legacy platform.

The JUSTIS Council has accomplished its original mandate and no longer plays an active governance or decision-making role. With operating costs exceeding \$200,000 annually—primarily for staff support across the Executive Committee and its subcommittees—dissolving the Council would be a fiscally responsible action.

Ongoing operational coordination is now successfully handled by the JUSTIS Operations Workgroup, which includes IT managers from member departments. This group has functioned effectively since the program's inception, and continues to address cross-departmental issues and approvals efficiently.

In alignment with the views of multiple subcommittee chairs, we support the preliminary recommendation to formally dissolve the JUSTIS Council. JUSTIS will continue as a department-driven initiative, with DT and member agencies coordinating on the operation of the JUSTIS platform through the interdepartmental Operations Workgroup.