

August 29, 2025

Commission Streamlining Task Force  
City Hall, Room 362  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Keep Juvenile Probation Commission as a Governing Body

Dear Members of the Commission Streaming Task Force:

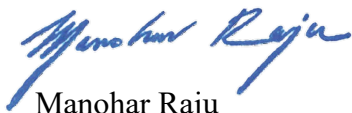
On behalf of the San Francisco Public Defender's Office, I write to express our support in keeping the Juvenile Probation Commission as a governing body and our strong opposition to any proposal that would convert the commission into an advisory body.

The Juvenile Probation Department is charged with overseeing one of our communities' most vulnerable populations of young people. An important role of the commission is to give voice to their concerns and grievances. It is essential that the commission maintains its governing role to ensure that these concerns are not only heard but acted upon.

The commission also provides a forum for the community to be involved in shaping the policies that directly impact children and families. Removing governing authority is a direct threat to equitable inclusion of community voices.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your commitment to ensuring that San Francisco's youth justice system remains accountable and community centered.

Sincerely,



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San Francisco Public Defender