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Dear Members of the Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I am writing to express my strong support for your critical work and to urge dramatic action in reducing San Francisco's excessive commission structure.

As you meet on September 17th to review Infrastructure, Climate, and Mobility Bodies, I hope you will consider the urgent need for substantial cuts.

San Francisco's approximately 125-130 commissions, boards, and advisory bodies represent a costly and inefficient system that lacks accountability to voters.

I strongly advocate for reducing this number to 30-50 commissions—a cut of more than 100 bodies.

The current system is unsustainable for several reasons:

- Many commissions rarely meet and serve no meaningful purpose
- Commissioners lack democratic legitimacy, often serving due to political connections rather than merit
- The financial burden on taxpayers is unjustifiable given the limited value provided
- The sheer number creates confusion and overlap in governance

While Proposition D unfortunately failed, the spirit behind it—streamlining city government for efficiency and accountability—remains essential.

Your task force has the opportunity to achieve meaningful reform that will benefit all San Francisco residents through reduced costs and more effective governance.

I urge you to be bold in your recommendations. Our city deserves a lean, efficient commission structure that serves the public interest rather than political networks.

Thank you for your service and consideration.

Sincerely,

Julien DeFrance