

Immigrant Rights Commission

September 11, 2025

Dear Members of the Commission Streamlining Task Force,

On behalf of the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC), I am writing to express my strong support for maintaining the IRC as an independent advisory body that elevates immigrant voices and perspectives in San Francisco policymaking. Since its creation, the IRC has championed language access, promoted civic engagement, and developed strategies to ensure City services are accessible to all residents, regardless of immigration status.

With support from the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA), the IRC publishes annual reports highlighting accomplishments and identifying key issues affecting San Francisco's diverse immigrant communities. These reports are available online at:

<https://www.sf.gov/resource-immigrant-rights-commission-reports>.

In 2025, the IRC placed a strong emphasis on civic engagement. We held a special hearing in January to review the incoming federal administration's immigration policies and their impact on San Francisco. We also hosted presentations on issues such as the federal travel ban and language access, providing platforms for immigrant residents to share their needs and experiences during these uncertain times.

As the Commission Streamlining Task Force evaluates City boards and commissions under Proposition E, I respectfully request that the IRC remain an independent body so we can continue shaping inclusive and responsive City policies that serve the needs of our immigrant residents and workforce. More information on the Task Force process can be found at:

<https://www.sf.gov/commission-streamlining-task-force>.

Thank you for your leadership and service in ensuring the efficiency and effectiveness of San Francisco's government.

Sincerely,

Monthanus Ratanapakdee

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Commissioner, Immigrant Rights Commission