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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I have the honor of serving on the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women, and am writing to fervently advocate for the Commission to remain as is: a standalone body with its full powers intact.

The Commission was created in 1975 after advocacy efforts and the approval of the Board of Supervisors. Over 40 plus years, the Commission has led on gender equity issues and been charged with enacting measures to advance the city's CEDAW Ordinance; to act as an advocate, funding source and oversight body for work to end gender-based violence; as an oversight body for the Mayor's Anti-Sex Trafficking Task Force and the Family Violence Council, and with oversight and tracking of gender equity goals within the city, including the 30x30 framework for law enforcement and for women's representation in public spaces.

Despite our long history working on these goals, we, as a City and County, still fall short of reaching gender equity. Women and girls are still fighting for basic rights, bodily autonomy, equal pay, safety, and access to services. No other institution in San Francisco is specifically dedicated to advancing equity and has the power and authority to make policy recommendations, review grants and budgets, or call for hearings and reports regarding gender equity indicators. The Commission on the Status of Women plays a critical role in ensuring San Francisco lives up to its values of inclusion, transparency, and justice.

The Commission brings a diverse set of women volunteers together who all leverage their expertise, knowledge and passion. The importance of community representation on oversight and policy making bodies cannot be overstated. We offer a crucial avenue for the public to engage with and be heard by their local government.

We at the Commission, and with our partners in the Department, are dedicated to uplifting diverse leaders, experts, and advocates who reflect the communities they serve. Our Commission provides a platform for public participation within our local government structure.

I urge the Task Force to preserve the Commission's independent voice, governance authority, and nominating power. These are not optional features, they are fundamental to real democracy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

With gratitude,
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