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Dear Streamlining Task Force Members:

The San Francisco League of Conservation Voters (SFLCV) appreciates your taking the time and using your knowledge to make San Francisco's commission system simpler. This work is challenging but necessary and we value your willingness to look for inefficiencies and overlaps.

In looking at the recommendations before the Task Force we believe the Urban Forestry Council should be incorporated into the Commission on the Environment. The Council's duties (urban tree canopy, greening, and ecological stewardship) fit perfectly within the Commission's current purview and it hasn't held frequent meetings. When combined oversight will be strengthened rather than weakened.

However, the Commission on the Environment must continue to be a decisionmaking body. Removing this authority would only remove important safeguards; it would not cut expenses or bureaucracy. Safe practices in our parks and neighborhoods are guaranteed by the Commission's approval of the ReducedRisk Pesticide List. Residents are shielded from improper waste management and exorbitant expenses by its oversight of the Recology contract. Additionally, the Commission maintains San Francisco's progress toward our net zero and zero waste objectives as the body that has continuously advanced the Climate Action Plan.

The SFLCV urges you not to reduce the Commission on the Environment to an advisory body. Efficiency shouldn't come at the price of fiscal responsibility, climate responsibility, or public health.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

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