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Ed Harrington, Chair
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Sophia Kitler does *not* meet the seat qualifications for appointment to the Commission Streamlining Task Force, and should resign her appointment!

Re: **One Streamlining Task Force Member Doesn't Meet Seat Qualifications for Appointment**

Dear Mr. Harrington and Commission Streamlining Task Force Members,

This is a formal objection to Sophia Kitler being appointed to replace Jean Fraser as the Mayor's appointee to Seat 5 to the Commission Streamlining Task Force. Ms. Kitler doesn't meet the seat qualification requirements described in **§4.100.1.(b)** cited in the **legal text** of "Prop. E" voters passed last November, just as Jean Fraser had not met the member qualification requirements.

Seat	Appointee	Appointing Authority	Member Qualifications Per "Prop. E" Legal Text	Current or Past City Department	Mismatch to Required Qualifications
Seat 1	Sophie Hayward	City Administrator	City Administrator, or their designee <i>who must be an employee of the City Administrator's Office</i> .	City Administrator's Office	Meets qualification requirements.
Seat 2	Natash Mihal	City Controller	City Controller, or their designee <i>who must be an employee of the City Controller's Office</i> .	City Controller's Office	Meets qualification requirements.
Seat 3	Andrea Bruss	City Attorney	City Attorney, or their designee <i>who must be an employee of the City Attorney's Office</i> .	Former Deputy Chief of Staff for Mayor's Office.	Meets qualification requirements.
Seat 4	Ed Harrington	President of Board of Supervisors	Labor Representative ; A representative of organized labor representing the public sector.	City Controller for 17 years	Mr. Harrington has not served as a representative of an organized labor union representing public sector employees.
Seat 5	Jean Fraser Sophia Kitler	Mayor	Open Government Expert ; A person with expertise in open and accountable government .	N/A Mayor's Office; Mayor's Budget Director	Neither Ms. Kitler, nor Ms. Fraser (before she resigned from the Task Force), had any expertise in open government . Ms. Kitler's expertise is in private sector development. Kitler's Master's degree focus was on private sector development, not open government.

"Prop. E" was explicitly clear that qualifications for Streamlining Task Force seats 1 through 3, the appointees were **required** to be an **employee** of the City Department of their respective appointing authority.

Ms. Kitler appears to have no previous experience, or expertise, in open and accountable government, or open government advocacy work, and has been a long-time employee of the Mayor's Office as the Mayor's Budget Director.

As for Mr. Harrington, he may meet the qualifications criteria for appointment to Seat 4, given that in during his employment as City Controller, he may have had significant interactions with public sector labor unions as part of the City's Bargaining Team during labor union contract negotiations, and is doing a fine job as Chair of the Streamlining Task Force.

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It is very troubling Ms. Kitler was chosen to stack the Streamlining task Force with current employees of the Mayor, to sway deliberations and decisions this Task Force is making to award more power to a “*strong mayor*” form of governance, and weaken citizen-led Boards and Commissions having influence over policy and budget decisions of the City’s many City Departments.

The stacking of this Streamlining Task Force with appointees having allegiance to the Mayor may be what backers of the defeated “*Prop. D*” had wanted in November 2024, but is antithetical to the express wishes of San Francisco voters who soundly rejected “*Prop. D*” and passed “*Prop. E*,” instead.

Kitler should be removed from this Task Force, or gracefully resign, because she does **not** meet the qualifications for appointment to Seat 5

Finally, it’s more than a little ironic that while this Streamlining Task Force is attempting to force Boards and Commissions to “**align**” with the somewhat subjective criteria of the templates developed by this Task Force, an appointee to this Task Force does not meet, or “**align**” with, the very seat-level requirements to serve on this Task Force.

On November 19, as an item for additional deliberations, this Task Force should develop a standard mechanism applicable to all Boards and Commissions to remove commissioners and board members who do not meet their seat-level qualification requirements.

Sincerely,

/s/

Patrick Monette-Shaw

cc: Rachel Alonso, Project Director, City Administrator’s Office

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