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Dear Streamlining Task Force members,

Thank you for your work on this task force, and for seeking to streamline and improve the city of San Francisco.

Please maintain the decision authority of the Commission on the Environment. It has a special role in coordinating amongst city agencies. It makes sure that environmental priorities don't get lost, whether that means coordinating waste management programs with Public Works, incorporating climate resilience into public health planning, or promoting clean transportation with SFMTA.

The Commission will not have any serious impact on interagency cooperation in the absence of governing authority. San Francisco would lack a centralized, accountable center for environmental policy decisionmaking if the Commission had an advisory-only role. The success of San Francisco hinges on this cooperation as well as on the Commission's capacity to rule.

It does make sense to incorporate the Urban Forestry Council into the Commission on the Environment, and I support this recommendation.

Thank you,
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