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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force,

As a community leader, I feel it's important to speak up in support of the San Francisco Youth Commission. Now more than ever, we need young people to be engaged in our local government. They deserve real opportunities and resources to speak up for themselves and for their communities. When we give youth a voice and take their ideas seriously, we build a stronger, more connected city for everyone.

With young people being the largest disenfranchised population in our City, community leaders and youth advocates stood together in 1995 to approve Proposition F, with 59% of San Francisco voters agreeing that youth deserve a space to advocate for their own needs and priorities. For 29 years, the San Francisco Youth Commission has given young San Franciscans a seat at the table with the most powerful leaders in our City, to advocate for the needs and priorities of youth in San Francisco's budgeting process. Year after year, the Youth Commission advocates for Free Muni for All Youth, Vote16, citywide youth programs and services, building affordable housing, addressing climate change, juvenile justice, voter engagement, and much more.

As a community partner of the San Francisco Youth Commission, **we strongly believe that the Youth Commission should remain a city chartered commission that directly advises the Board of Supervisors and Mayor,** to ensure it remains to be an opportunity for young people to get involved, understand their City government, the City's budget process, work with powerful City leaders, and advocate on behalf of the 113,000 young people residing in San Francisco. We believe in **allowing Youth Commissioners to receive compensation** for their contribution to the City and to allow for equitable access for all youth to serve.

Signed & In Community,  
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Commissioner, Commission on the Status of Women\*

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