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Dear Members of the Commission Streamlining Task Force:

I am writing to ask that the Immigrant Rights Commission be kept as an independent, ongoing Commission.

The Immigrant Rights Commission ensures that immigrants have a voice in the policies that impact them, from supporting the city's sanctuary policies to advising on its language access law.

One in three San Franciscans is an immigrant. Immigrant rights are an ongoing need. It is essential to maintain the Immigrant Rights Commission as an independent body without a sunset date provision.

The Immigrant Rights Commission listens to community members and advises the City to address the issues that matter to them. When Asian elders were being attacked in San Francisco, the Immigrant Rights Commission collaborated with community members to listen to their concerns, shared its recommendations with City leaders, and invited City departments back to present on how they had implemented these recommendations.

The Immigrant Rights Commission also uplifts the positive stories of immigrants. Through its annual Immigrant Leadership Awards event, the Immigrant Rights Commission celebrates immigrants' contributions to our city.

Given the importance of its work and what it means to San Francisco, I ask you to recommend that the Immigrant Rights Commission be maintained as an independent, ongoing commission.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Anni Chung

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