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Dear Members of the Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I am writing to convey my unequivocal support for the continued existence of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women as an independent entity, retaining its full powers and responsibilities.

At this pivotal moment—when women, girls, and gender-expansive individuals still face persistent barriers to equity in areas such as bodily autonomy, economic opportunity, safety, and access to services—it is essential that San Francisco uphold institutions devoted specifically to advancing gender equity. The Commission plays a vital role in ensuring that our city reflects its core values of inclusion, accountability, and justice.

San Francisco has long been recognized as a pioneer in this regard. Establishing one of the earliest such Commissions in the nation, and subsequently creating a Department to fulfill its mission, the City set a standard for meaningful and effective civic engagement. The Commission's composition—diverse in lived experience, identity, and professional expertise—represents the very communities it serves. This breadth of representation is indispensable, and must not be diminished through consolidation or elimination.

The Commission on the Status of Women provides critical civilian oversight, fosters civic participation, and ensures that diverse voices inform decision-making. Weakening its independence would undermine both democratic balance and public trust.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Task Force to preserve the Commission's independent voice, governance authority, and nominating power. These are not supplementary features; they are fundamental to the

Commission's integrity and to the functioning of true democracy.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

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