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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force Members:

I am writing to express my strong support for the continued existence of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women (COSW) as a standalone body with its full powers intact.

While DEIB initiatives and women's contributions to history are being systematically erased to appease the current federal administration, it is imperative for San Francisco to stand strong against this regression. At a time when women, girls, and gender-expansive people are still fighting for basic rights, bodily autonomy, equal pay, leadership positions, safety, and access to services, we need institutions specifically dedicated to advancing equity. The Commission on the Status of Women plays a critical role in ensuring San Francisco lives up to its values of inclusion, transparency, and justice.

San Francisco made history by establishing one of the earliest Commissions in the country, and became the first to create a Department to enact the Commission and the City's goal of advancing and ensuring equity for all San Franciscans. The Commission on the Status of Women is deeply committed to creating a space for all voices, and is one of the most diverse in the city, despite its small size.

The Commission on the Status of Women brings together diverse leaders, experts, and advocates who reflect the communities they serve. It provides a platform for public participation and a necessary counterbalance within our local government structure.

I urge this Task Force to preserve the Commission's independent voice, governance authority, and nominating power. These are not optional features; they are fundamental to real democracy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best wishes,

Robin Suchman