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Dear Members of the Task Force,

I am writing to urge you to preserve the San Francisco Street Artists Program. Since its establishment in 1972, this program has provided not only vital economic support for hundreds of local artists and their families, but also unique cultural value to the City of San Francisco.

The handmade work created and sold by artists is part of what makes San Francisco such a vibrant, creative destination. Tourists consistently remark on how much they enjoy meeting local artists and taking home a one-of-a-kind piece of the city. In many ways, we are cultural ambassadors: we answer questions, recommend restaurants and places to visit, and even assist tourists in need. We help make San Francisco more welcoming, memorable, and safe.

The Street Artists Program is not just about licensing; it is about supporting small businesses, local craftspeople, and a creative economy that cannot be replaced by mass-produced goods. Eliminating the Advisory Committee without a robust replacement structure risks erasing decades of community trust and the protections that allow artists to thrive.

While I understand that laws have changed at the state and city levels, the solution should not be to eliminate the program but to update and strengthen it so it remains compliant while continuing to serve its purpose: supporting artists, protecting their rights, and enriching San Francisco's cultural landscape.

For over 50 years, this program has been mutually beneficial — for artists, the City, and visitors alike. I respectfully ask the Task Force to recommend preserving and modernizing the Street Artists Program rather than dismantling it.

San Francisco's future should continue to include its artists, whose work, stories, and spirit make the city what it is.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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