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Task Force on Commissions  
San Francisco City Hall

RE: Historic Preservation Commission

Dear Task Force Members:

I am writing to state my firm opposition to returning the HPC to an advisory capacity. I was a member of the LPAB, appointed by Diane Feinstein, and was subsequently vice President of the Unreinforced Masonry Appeals Board. I was for nine years president of the Presidio Historical Association. I am very aware of the challenges of preserving our architectural heritage. I do not want to see San Francisco's historic review process become any weaker than it already is.

The creation of the HPC was by a vote of San Francisco voters. Surely it would need a vote of the people to change it. To revert to advisory status would further weaken the protection of our historic resources and make them even more subject to the pressure of politics, developers and the vagaries of the Planning Commission than they already are.

Review of projects for historic buildings should be done by experienced professionals, and be based on the merits of the case, not be vulnerable to political expediency.

Retaining the commission's status will avoid duplication of effort for both the planning staff and the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

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