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Dear Streamlining Task Force:

I support keeping the library Commission as it is.

I served for about twenty years supporting the public library, mostly as a Commissioner; more than half as President of the Commission while we got voter approval on the New Main, built it and started renovating branches. I served under four mayors: Agnos, Jordan, Brown and Newsom.

My impression is the political class could care less about the library because it is not sexy and in the news. Eliminating the power of the Commission means the library will be mostly ignored unless there is a crisis, and since few bureaucrats know its intricacies, they will be befuddled to try and fix whatever the problem is.

The SFPL has a rich set of programs and collections. It is a quiet giant in what it brings to the city. I am proud of the diversity of collections. The special programs aimed at youth and technology are outstanding. The Hormel LGBTQ+ Center is remarkable, a popular and rich resources to a national audience. There are scores more.

You've got a winner (assuming intelligent and caring people are appointed), please don't mess with it.

Thanks,

Steve Coulter