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Subject: Support for the Commission on the Status of Women

Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I'm writing to voice my full support for keeping the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women independent and fully empowered.

This Commission is not just symbolic—it's essential. Women, girls, and gender-expansive people are still navigating real barriers to safety, equity, and opportunity. We need institutions that are built to address these challenges head-on, not ones that are sidelined or absorbed into broader structures where their focus gets diluted.

San Francisco has led the way in this space, and that leadership should be protected. The Commission's diversity, its commitment to inclusion, and its ability to elevate underrepresented voices make it one of the most vital bodies in our local government. It reflects the city's values—not just in theory, but in practice.

Removing its independence or limiting its authority would be a mistake. Representation matters. Civilian oversight matters. Democracy depends on both.

I urge the Task Force to preserve the Commission's autonomy, its governance powers, and its ability to nominate members who reflect the communities it serves. These are not optional—they are the foundation of meaningful public service.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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