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**City and County of San Francisco
Department on the Status of Women**



VIA EMAIL

Date: October 2, 2025

To: Commission Streamlining Task Force

From: Linda Yeung, Acting Director, Department on the Status of Women

Copy: The Commission on the Status of Women, the Mayor's Office for Victims' Rights

Re: Support for the Family Violence Council

Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force Members,

The Department on the Status of Women urges the Prop E Commission Streamlining Task Force to ensure the continuation of the Family Violence Council (FVC) and its crucial work.

The Department on the Status of Women supported the Council since its revitalization in 2005. During this time, we have witnessed the expansion of the Council into a robust coalition of departments and community partners that work together to tackle pressing and persistent issues in family violence.

For nearly 20 years, the Department has served as the Council's department home and supported its impactful work. The FVC compiles and analyzes the latest data, practices, and policies related to family violence. At quarterly meetings, the coalition addresses urgent issues and reviews best practices. The breadth of expertise, regular meetings and reports, and in-depth analysis enable the Council to explore new strategies and approaches to address family violence in the City and County. Finally, the Council's work culminates in the annual Family Violence Council Report. This report presents timely and robust recommendations for preventing and responding to family violence, while tracking the impact and outcomes of these recommendations.

The Department has witnessed first-hand the important and innovative work done by the Family Violence Council. The Council eliminates communication gaps, information silos, and maintains an expansive view of family violence that results in

regular and substantial improvements in family violence prevention and responses. Policy proposals and recommendations leverage the knowledge and experience of each Council member, are actionable, and have a direct impact on outcomes. Each annual report includes a list of new recommendations, as well as a review of past recommendations, providing a comprehensive account of their work and impact. This unique, careful coordination has made the Family Violence Council a vigorous City-community partnership in family violence responsiveness and prevention.

While the Council is now anchored within the Mayor's Office of Victim and Witness Rights, the Department on the Status of Women underscores the importance of this body in the present moment and into the future. The present threat to vulnerable groups across San Francisco brought on by the current federal administration cannot be overstated. It is within this context that the Department stands behind the work and legacy of the Family Violence Council. Any attenuation of the Council's work, by dissolution or reorganization, would have a devastating effect on those constituents and community leaders who have come to rely on the systems and networks established and provided by the Council. We ask that you ensure the Family Violence Council remains intact and supported for the foreseeable future.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Yeung
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San Francisco Department on the Status of Women