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Commission Streamlining Task Force
City Hall, Room 362
1 Dr, Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Re: Dignity Fund Oversight Committee, Service Provider Work Group, and
Department of Aging and Adult Services' Advisory Council Discussion and
Recommendations October 16, 2025**

Dear Task Force Members,

My 50 plus career years developing and implementing services impacting aging and disabled constituents inform me on what policy directions best serve these populations. At age 81 the outcomes of your deliberations will affect my long term well being as well.

The Dignity Fund Charter Amendment passed by 66% of voters specified an oversight body, the Dignity Fund Oversight Committee, with specific seats designated for appointments. The Mayor, the Commission, the Advisory Council and the Long Term Care Coordinating Council (LTCCC) comprised the bodies appointing members. The Advisory Council, with seats designated by Commission and Board of Supervisors members as well as consumers, brought geographic, ethnic, sexual and gender orientation and cultural diversity to discussions strengthening equity. The LTCCC seats contributed front line providers and brought expertise in issues experienced by the aging and disabled populations in the City. This body, now disbanded, could relinquish its seat assignments to the Service Providers Work Group.

Also in the Charter was a designated body comprised of direct service providers (Service Providers Work Group) which would make informed recommendations to the oversight body based on up to date, real time experiences, urgency and volume of consumer needs.

Removing or changing the composition of these bodies removes access to emerging needs of populations that currently are at 25% of the City's populations and trending to reach 30% by 2030. And the diversity of the population requires scrutiny of equity and attention to serving the underserved.

My decades of direct service experiences have exposed programming to detrimental, inconsistent commitments to these populations by Mayors and Supervisors. Relinquishing current seats for political appointments will divert, dilute and diminish expertise needed to attend to complex and dynamic needs of an important sector of our City, as well as lose transparency.

We need to give every resident the tools and services they need to remain in the place they choose to call home. I ask you to retain the Dignity Fund Oversight Committee and the Advisory Committees as they are currently configured and with their current unique roles to ensure stability and responsiveness to community needs.

Thank you for the forethought and dialogue you are undertaking on this issue.

Respectfully,



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