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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force Members,

I am a Latino San Franciscan who grew up low income in Brooklyn. I have seen how sugary drink marketing targets neighborhoods like the one I came from. I have lived in San Francisco for over a year and care about how public health dollars reach the people who need them most.

Voters created SDDTAC with Proposition V in 2016, a one-cent-per-ounce tax on sugary drinks. The committee exists to keep these funds transparent, equitable, and focused on community health. Eliminating it would undercut voter intent and public trust.

SDDTAC is not duplicative of the Food Security Task Force. Its scope is broader than food access. It addresses chronic disease prevention, oral health, physical activity, school-based wellness, and early childhood. It is the only cross-sector, voter-mandated body dedicated to reducing sugary drink consumption and advancing health equity.

The committee brings outside expertise and real public engagement. Eight seats are appointed to represent key communities. Input flows through ongoing community feedback loops, not just public comment. I also know people who serve on SDDTAC. They work hard and take the charge seriously.

Because SDDTAC was created by voter-approved ordinance, folding it into another body or eliminating it would contradict the legislation's intent and require legislative action. Keep SDDTAC in place so San Francisco maintains a transparent, equity-focused advisory voice on how these dollars are used.

Sincerely,

Randy Tavaréz

San Francisco resident

Best,

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