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## **Urgent Request to Keep the Food Security Task Force**

Dear Members of the Commission Streamlining Task Force,

On behalf of Children's Council of San Francisco, I am writing to strongly oppose the recommendation to eliminate or consolidate the Food Security Task Force (FSTF).

For more than two decades, the FSTF has been the only public body in San Francisco dedicated solely to food security. It serves as a vital, trusted platform where City departments, community- and faith-based organizations, private philanthropy, and residents regularly share data, coordinate resources, and surface emerging needs. This cross-sector collaboration and community engagement are essential to developing responsive and equitable solutions that reflect the lived realities of those most impacted by food insecurity.

### **Key Accomplishments of the FSTF:**

- **Reports & Recommendations:** Produced and distributed over 20 annual reports of recommendations, including current data, threats, and opportunities to improve food security.
- **Advisement:** Provided a resource to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and Mayor's Office for hearings and advisement on emerging food security issues.
- **Strategic Planning:** Successfully outlined specific strategies to improve school meals, reduce waitlists for home-delivered meals, and launch innovations (e.g., home-delivered groceries and grocery vouchers).
- **Assessment:** Provided comprehensive city-wide food assessments (2013 and 2018) and supported the 2023 Biennial Food Security & Equity Report.
- **Data Standards:** Advanced standard measurement of food security across City and community programs.

The FSTF work is more critical than ever. Local and federal nutrition funding is shrinking, pandemic-era supports have expired, and food and nutrition security programs are at increased risk of being reduced or dismantled. Eliminating or consolidating the FSTF would severely weaken San Francisco's ability to respond, coordinate, and advocate effectively. Maintaining the FSTF ensures food insecurity solutions are data-driven and responsive to community need, ensuring all residents - especially children, older adults, and low-income families - have reliable access to the nutritious, culturally relevant food they need to thrive.

Thank you,

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