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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force Chair and Members,

I am writing in support of maintaining the independence of the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) and enhancing its role in protecting the rights of San Francisco's immigrant residents.

This past June, I was honored for my contributions in supporting the local immigrant community. I was a recipient of the Vera Haile Champion of Justice Immigrant Leadership Award.

I was born in the East Bay. My mom's parents came to America in the 1920s from Torreón, Coahuila, and Chihuahua, Mexico, and eventually raised nine children in the East Bay. My family worked hard picking fruits and vegetables on farms in both the local and central valleys.

To date, I have helped raise over \$1 million for local San Francisco charities, including [the SF LGBT Center](#), [the GLBT Historical Society & Archives](#), [Our Trans Youth](#), [Queer Lifespace](#), [the Transgender Law Center](#), [OpenHouse](#), and more. I support organizations in San Francisco committed to helping City communities thrive.

For the past 28 years, the Immigrant Rights Commission has played an essential and unique role in advocating for the rights of San Francisco residents and workers. It is crucial to have a commission that can effectively amplify the needs of vulnerable communities and collaborate with the City to deliver essential services and protect its residents. I urge the Streamlining Task Force Commission to maintain the IRC as an independent commission and strengthen it by ensuring it receives the necessary staffing and resources to address the diverse, urgent needs of our immigrant communities.

Thank you and your staff for considering this critical issue.

Loads of Love, Juanita MORE!