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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force Members,

As a San Francisco resident and community member, I would like you to please keep the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee (SDDTAC). The SDDTAC was created by the will of the voters following Proposition V's passage in November 2016, which established a one-cent-per-ounce tax on sugary drinks distributed in San Francisco.

The recommendation to eliminate the SDDTAC would undermine public trust and voter confidence in the intent of the legislation approved by San Franciscans. SDDTAC has played a vital role in ensuring accountability and elevating the voices of communities most impacted by health inequities. After the redesignation of funds this year, I am concerned that San Franciscans' needs and wants are being ignored, and that the money supposed to support successful evidence-based community interventions is instead being used to backfill the Mayor's budget. The revenues are not being used equitably and transparently. Countless people have lost their jobs, and community organizations have had to stop their proven interventions. The SDDTAC Committee ensures that these revenues are used transparently, equitably, and in ways that advance community health and wellbeing. The actions of City Hall reinforce the need for the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee. Our communities are hurting without these funds, and the health of our neighbors is at risk.

I urge the Task Force to honor the will of the voters and keep the SDDTAC as an advisory body of transparency, equity, and community engagement in cities' public health efforts.

Sincerely,

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