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Ed Harrington, Chair  
Commission Streamlining Task Force  
c/o City Administrator's Office  
City Hall, Room 316  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4694

Re: **Dignity Fund: Oversight and Advisory Committee,  
and Providers Working Group**

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Dear Mr. Harrington and Commission Streamlining Task Force Members,

It's shocking that this Streamlining Task Force is again proposing to combine or **eliminate two voter-approved City Charter bodies**: The *Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Body*, and the *Dignity Fund Service Providers Working Group*.

The City Administrator's "*Staff Discussion*" claims that the "*Evaluation Criteria*" includes a criterion that specific funds should not have dedicated advisory bodies, and instead, budget decisions about these funds should be part of a department's overall budget processes so that the funds may be considered holistically and in alignment with a department's strategic goals.

But the "*Evaluation Criteria*" document dated September 12 this Streamlining Task Force apparently approved does **not** seem to contain any such "*criterion*," suggesting this may be yet another "*rule*" made up out of whole cloth.

Lamely, the 134-page staff "Recommendations memo" states that the "*Dignity Fund Service Providers Working Group*" was only "*discovered*" to be in scope of "*Prop. E*" streamlining reform mandates **after** the Budget and Legislative Analyst completed its Financial Analysis report dated September 1, 2025. So, as far as is known the "*Dignity Fund Providers Working Group*" has **no** full-time staff "*hard costs*," and an unknown amount of "*soft costs*," if any.

On the other hand, the BLA cost analysis reported that the "*Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee*" had a total of \$43,362, all of which is part-time support staff "*soft costs*," except for a mere \$100 for non-personnel costs.

So, by combining or eliminating these two Charter-mandated bodies, the Streamlining Task Force at best would "*save*," just \$43,000, all of which is *soft costs* that won't save the City a dime, because those part-time staff won't be eliminated due to their other job duties.

The "*Staff Discussion*" states that "[the Advisory Council to the Disability and Aging Commission] *can absorb some functions of the* [Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee]." But the "*Staff Discussion*" does **not** mention what **other** functions **can't** be "*absorbed*," or what would happen to the **other** functions, or who would perform them!

The Dignity Fund Coalition (DFC) has urged you to keep the Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Council in its current role as an advisory body.

**Go ahead. Eliminate these two Dignity Fund bodies at your own peril.** That will add fuel to the fire to entice voters into rejecting any Charter Change ballot measure you place on the November 2026! It'll serve you and other "*streamliners*" right.

Sincerely,

/s/  
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cc: Rachel Alonso, Project Director, City Administrator's Office

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