

8 October 2025

Dear Members of the Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I write to express strong support for maintaining the Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC) as an independent, permanent body within the City and County of San Francisco. As a community member and institutional stakeholder at the University of San Francisco's Leo T. McCarthy Center for Public Service and the Common Good, I work closely as a partner deeply engaged in advancing the common good through education, research, and community collaboration, and recognize the IRC as an essential voice for our city's immigrant, newcomer, and asylum-seeking populations.

San Francisco has long been a beacon for those seeking refuge, opportunity, and dignity. The Immigrant Rights Commission plays an irreplaceable role in upholding that legacy by ensuring language access, equitable service delivery, and culturally responsive policy-making across City departments. The Commission's work directly impacts many of our students, families, and community partners, including those navigating the complexities of immigration systems, housing insecurity, and access to healthcare and education.

I am deeply concerned that the current streamlining proposal could jeopardize the Commission's independence or subject it to a recurring sunset review process that undermines stability and long-term planning. The needs the IRC addresses are not temporary as they are ongoing and integral to the fabric of San Francisco's civic life. Consolidation or periodic reauthorization would weaken the City's infrastructure of accountability and community trust that the Commission has built over decades.

I stand with the IRC and the communities it serves. I urge the Task Force to reaffirm the Commission's independent and ongoing status, recognizing that immigrant justice and inclusion are foundational to the City's health, safety, and wellbeing.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter and for your continued commitment to inclusive governance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angeline Vuong". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Angeline" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Vuong".

Angeline Vuong

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