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TO

Ed Harrington, Chair
Commission Streamlining Task Force
City and County of San Francisco
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RE: Commission Streamlining Task Force - Childcare Planning and Advisory Council

Dear Chair Harrington and Members of the Commission Streamlining Task Force,

On behalf of the leadership of the San Francisco Child Care Planning and Advisory Council (CPAC), we thank you for the important work your Task Force is undertaking to improve the structure and effectiveness of our City's commissions and public bodies.

We are writing in response to the materials recently released for your October 15 meeting. While we appreciate that CPAC is not being recommended for elimination or consolidation with other commissions, we would like to correct some inaccurate representation of our Council's mandate, scope, and role within San Francisco's early care and education (ECE) and out-of-school time (OST) systems.

As San Francisco's **state-mandated Local Child Care and Development Planning Council (LPC)**, CPAC plays a distinct and essential role in advising on citywide child care and development policy. Our statutory charge—outlined in California Education Code 8499.3—is **not limited to advisory functions for the Department of Early Childhood, but includes developing comprehensive citywide needs assessments, strategic planning, and policy recommendations that support children from birth through age 12, including Universal Pre-K and OST programs to the Board of Supervisors, Board of Education, Mayor's Office and other stakeholders.**

We want to clarify the following points to ensure the Task Force has an accurate understanding of CPAC's role:

- **CPAC is a required body, not just a function.** State law requires every county to have a functioning LPC, and CPAC fulfills that requirement for San Francisco. The essential functions of the consultants who support the administrative duties of CPAC are paid by California Department of Social Services funds (which are passed through SF DEC).
- **CPAC's scope is citywide and cross-sector.** Our work encompasses child care and education across multiple settings (family child care, center-based, private, state-subsidized, Head Start, and SFUSD). Our membership includes stakeholders from city departments (e.g., DCYF, DEC, DPH, Rec and Parks – voluntary to those departments), community-based organizations, private and public higher education institutions (e.g., SF State University, City College of San Francisco, EDvance, etc.), child care providers, and consumers/ parents.
- **CPAC advises on systems for children 0–12, not just ages 0–5.** Our work includes out-of-school-time care, school-age child development policy, and workforce development strategies in partnership with CCSF, EDvance, and SFSU. There are over 1,300 licensed childcare facilities in San Francisco, and CPAC is the venue for providers and partners across private and public sectors to coordinate and collaborate.
- **CPAC administers critical state planning functions and supports equitable distribution of child care resources.** We conduct the citywide Child Care Needs Assessment, develop the Child Care Master Plan, and support implementation of state and local funding priorities (including for providers outside DEC scope of work and funding).

We respectfully request that the Commission Streamlining Task Force update its materials to reflect these key facts (slides 10, 11/12, 13). CPAC is committed to supporting government accountability, transparency, and equity, which are values we know this Task Force shares. We welcome the opportunity to be a partner in your streamlining efforts and will be glad to provide any additional clarification or materials that would support your understanding.

Thank you for your continued service and commitment to the wellbeing of San Francisco's children and families.

Sincerely,

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Chair, San Francisco Child Care Planning and Advisory Council (CPAC)