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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I'm writing in strong support of the Commission of Animal Control & Welfare (ACW). This commission is unique in San Francisco's government and serves a vital, independent role in representing the welfare of all animals—domestic and wild—within the City.

The ACW provides the public with a forum to raise concerns, offer input, and engage in discussions about animal welfare. It has the authority to hold hearings, make policy recommendations, and collaborate with multiple city departments, including Animal Care & Control, Recreation & Parks, and the Office of the Treasurer & Tax Collector.

The commissioners are unpaid volunteers whose work has produced significant outcomes. Their efforts led to the City's bans on fur sales and cat declawing (the latter now a statewide policy). They have brought public awareness to the breeding industry, promoted companion animal adoption, raised questions regarding live animal markets in SF, and encouraged transparency from SF Animal Care & Control regarding intake and outcomes—now reported quarterly. The ACW helped prompt an audit of the SF Zoo following concerns about the conditions of the animals, raised in a report through the Joint Zoo Committee, which received media coverage (SF Chronicle and The SF Standard).

Without the Commission of Animal Control & Welfare, the animals would have no voice. The public would have no voice regarding animal issues either. The ACW is an essential and uniquely valuable part of San Francisco's government and must be maintained.

Sincerely,
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