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I am writing to strongly oppose any effort to downgrade the Commission to an advisory body or strip it of its budget authority.

Just a week ago, Mayor Lurie stood on stage speaking about the political power of women, yet this action would gut that very power for women and girls in the city and county we all love. The Commission has never been symbolic. For nearly half a century, it has been a vital governance body that turned advocacy into policy, funding into safety, and ideas into measurable change. It built the city's gender-based violence response system, advanced pay equity, supported women's leadership, and created a model for other municipalities across the country—actions grounded in values that I know Mayor Lurie holds dear.

The Commission's strength lies in its **independence, oversight, and budget authority**. Those tools ensure accountability and prevent women's issues from being sidelined. San Francisco achieved cost efficiencies through the merger with the Human Rights Commission, efficiency should not mean erasure. Women's equity is not a special interest; it is a matter of justice and governance.

To reduce the Commission to an advisory role is to silence the very infrastructure that has protected generations of women, survivors, and families. At a time when national protections are being stripped away, San Francisco should be leading, not dismantling its own foundation.

I urge you to preserve the Commission's full governance status and independent budget. Our city's credibility, values, and commitment to women's equality depend on it.

Sincerely,

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