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Dear Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I am particularly concerned about the task force's proposal to combine the *Human Services* and *Disability & Aging Commissions* as well as the *Dignity Fund Oversight* and *Working Group*.

Seniors and people with disabilities make up 25% of the city's population. At a time when their voices should be strengthened, reducing participation and increasing responsibility for these bodies undermines inclusion and weakens the city's capacity to respond to the needs of older adults and people with disabilities.

I am writing in support of the following recommendations:

- Keep the Disability and Aging Commission in its current role as Governing Body
- Keep the Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Council in its current role as an advisory body
- Keep the Disability and Aging Advisory Committee as a federally required advisory body

It's unclear why reducing the number of seats is needed and if done, it is unclear how to keep diversity and representation from various constituencies. These proposed changes provide little indication of the benefit, while risking a reduction in transparency and public input and costing thousands of hours of high-level volunteer time.

I appreciate your consideration of these recommendations.

Best,

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