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To: Commission Streamlining Taskforce

From: Anne Christine Dillon

Re: Maintaining the Disability and Aging Services Advisory Council as a federally required advisory body.

My name is Anne Christine Dillon. I am currently the First Vice President of the Disability and Aging Services Advisory Council. I also serve on the Joint Legislative Committee. I have represented Supervisorial District 11 for approximately 5 years.

I believe that it is imperative to carefully assess the mission and role of the DAS Advisory Council in the development of the DAS Area Plan. You can more easily understand the pivotal importance of that plan by following this link:

https://www.sfhhsa.org/sites/default/files/media/document/2024-05/report_sfdas_area_plan_2024-2028_final_signed_03.2024.pdf

The DAS Advisory Council Mandate, as stated in our Council By-laws is as follows:

By laws: BYLAWS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE DISABILITY AND AGING SERVICES (DAS) COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

Section 3

PURPOSE: The Advisory Council shall advise the Commission on all matters relating to the development and administration of its area plan and the operations conducted thereunder, including needs assessment, priorities, programs, and budgets, and such other matters relating to the well-being of the population served within the scope and spirit of Federal, State and local regulations, laws and ordinances.

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DUTIES: The Advisory Council shall: Serve as a principal advocacy body on behalf of the population served...

I wish to address an important aspect of the composition of this council. Each supervisorial district has an appointed representative on this council. The role of these representatives is dual: to communicate the unique perspective and needs of their district elder and disabled populations to both DAS and to their supervisor's office and to educate their district residents about DAS services and activities.

As an example:

I conduct legislatively mandated site visits to both my district's Senior Centers and Aging and Disability Resource Centers & those in other districts. I report on these activities to the DAS Advisory Council.

In addition, I alert District 11 residents to these and other services in multiple ways. The following is a partial list:

- 1). I serve on the District 11 Council, which is composed of community associations, non-profits, churches, etc. Representatives of state and local officials and city service providers attend these meetings. We share all relevant information with each other while meeting a minimum of 6 times a year. I have arranged for speakers from our local senior centers, ADRCs, etc. to present at these meetings.
- 2). I compose and provide aging and disability related articles to all District 11 Council members and to Supervisor Chen's office for inclusion in their newsletters. I alert the Supervisor's team of elder and disabled community members concerns when I am made aware.
- 3). I participate in the vitally important Community Living Campaign's Aging in Place programs. I am thus able to also educate our elders directly about services. I arrange for both presentations and services, such introducing ADRC team members to local aging in place sites. I also listen to the needs and insights which these program participants share with me and share them forward. I assist those who express needs to me in accessing services.

Each supervisorial district is unique, as you can see in the link provided below.

https://www.sfhhsa.org/sites/default/files/Report_SF%20Senior%20%20Disability%20Demographics%20016%20ACS%205YR_Sept.%202018v2.pdf

I will highlight just one distinct difference within the constituency of District 11. In my district, the majority of elders reside in multi-generational settings. Thus, the well being of the elder directly impacts the well being of the extended family. This is not true of all San Francisco supervisorial districts. I have been actively involved in assisting more than one such family to access profoundly needed services. My experience as an elder in my district, combined with my professional background and my role as DAS Advisory Council team member, offer DAS an enriched understanding of the elder and disability needs in my community.

Summation:

The above role of a supervisorial appointed DAS Council representative is of vital importance to the evolution of the DAS Area Plan. I believe that it is important that these 11 seats be maintained in any revision of the DAS Advisory Council.

Respectfully,

Anne Christine Dillon

My professional credentials:

*I studied Gerontology as a student in the San Francisco State Gerontology Certificate Program 1984/85

*I obtained my Nursing Home Administrator License in 1986 and was in the first group to obtain a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly Administrator License when this licensure was developed. I later served as a Administrator in Training Preceptor for SF State students seeking licensure.

*I served as an LHNA administrator and RCFE administrator for 20 years.

*I served as an administrative, social services, and activities consultant for 7 years.

*I was one of 8 employee/owners of Foresight Management Services for approximately 15 years.

During my tenure in the elder care community, I served not only as a facilities administrator but also on numerous advisory boards.

These included, but are not limited to, para-transit, palliative care, a team mediating policies and procedures interfacing care facilities and paramedics related to Advance Medical Directives, as the SF Bay Area delegate to the Ca. Association of Health Facilities House of Delegates.