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Commission Streamlining Task Force Members,

As a member of the San Francisco Early Care and Education Advocacy Coalition, I respectfully request that, should the Task Force determine to combine the Early Childhood Community Oversight and Advisory Committee (ECCOAC) with another entity, the combination **not** be with the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC). Instead, I propose the Children and Families First Commission (CFC).

The ECCOAC and CFC already engage in joint meetings multiple times per year and oversee funds managed within the same department. With careful consideration and appropriate amendments to accommodate the state requirements currently in place for the CFC regarding state-only funds, and to maintain the COAC's distinct oversight of San Francisco-generated funds, it is feasible to consolidate these oversight functions under a single body. It is important to note that the current oversight responsibilities of these two bodies are not identical, as the streamlining recommendations suggest. The potential for co-mingling funds is a significant concern that requires careful attention, as the intended use of each fund is distinct.

Proposed adjustments should encompass modifications to the Children and Families First Commission (CFC) to ensure representation for the broader early care and education community, including parents and educators. The CFC currently functions as the authoritative body for Proposition 10 funds, while the Early Childhood Community Oversight and Advisory Committee (ECCOAC) provides advisory services regarding Baby Proposition C and other Department of Early Childhood funding. To prevent the commingling of funds, clear budgetary decision-making processes are necessary. However, integrating the ECCOAC with the CFC would establish a unified oversight body, enhancing clarity for community members on where to voice their concerns, needs, and aspirations.

Should amendments fail to address the current distinct responsibilities of these entities, the streamlining objective may be adequately achieved through joint meetings of the two bodies.

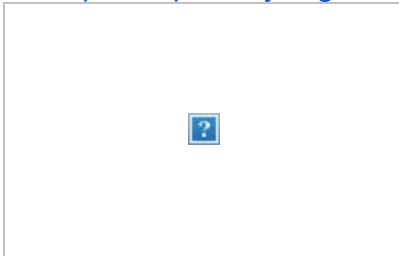
Conversely, merging the ECCOAC with a commission advising a different department, such as the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight Advisory Committee (OAC), poses several risks, including potential fund commingling and confusion among parents, families, and advocates for children aged 0-5 regarding engagement opportunities. Historical precedent suggests that combining oversight for these two groups previously resulted in a diminished focus on the city's youngest residents.

The distinct programming and nuanced approaches to funding and decision-making required for the Children, Youth, and Their Families OAC and the EC COAC necessitate separate

oversight. While we advocate for enhanced communication between DCYF and DEC to foster a holistic approach to child care across age groups within the city, we believe that oversight commissions are not the appropriate venue, given the broad spectrum of expertise required across these age groups. Conversely, the CFC and ECCOAC share common ground in their focus on funding decisions concerning children aged 0-5, making their combination a more logical and impactful arrangement.

I respectfully request that, should the Early Childhood Community Oversight and Advisory Committee (ECCOAC) be combined with another commission, it be with the Children and Families First Commission (CFC) and not the Children, Youth, and Their Families Oversight Advisory Committee (OAC).

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